

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY
FOR PARENTS
ON THE PREVENTION OF STUDENT BULLYING
(Helping students get along, make and keep friends, and stop mean behavior)

DATE

March 7th, 2018

PLACE

St. Joan of Arc School
Cafeteria

TIME

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Throughout each school year, St. Joan of Arc School provides workshops for classroom teachers on a variety of topics. Currently, the teachers are being trained in the Danielson Framework of Instruction, which is focused on effective instructional strategies.

Next, the school staff members will be focusing on how to further create a culture of kindness and reduce any student mean behavior. In taking proactive steps in preventing student bullying, staff members and students will have the opportunity to receive classroom presentations on March 7th and 8th from a national workshop consultant, Marcia McEvoy, Ph.D.

To further the training on the prevention of student bullying, **parents** are invited to join several members of the staff for an evening presentation by the workshop consultant. This workshop that includes parents will take place during the **evening on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The presentation will be held in the SJA Church.

Below, you will see information on the presenter as well as a description of the evening presentation.

HELPING KIDS GET ALONG AT SCHOOL: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO CREATE
A CULTURE OF KINDNESS AND REDUCE STUDENT MEAN BEHAVIOR

Workshop Presenter: Marcia McEvoy, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

McEvoy Consulting, LLC

Grand Rapids, MI

Dr. Marcia McEvoy



BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Dr. Marcia McEvoy is a Licensed Psychologist who has worked in a variety of settings including public schools, community mental health centers, child diagnostic clinics, and two universities. She presently owns her own consulting business. For the past 20 years, Dr. McEvoy has worked in schools all over the country to reduce student cruelty and to enhance empathy and positive connection. She has trained hundreds of thousands of administrators, teachers, parents, and students on this topic. Dr. McEvoy is the co-author of a book entitled, *Preventing Youth Suicide: A Handbook for Educators and Human Service Professionals*. She is currently working on both a book for educators, as well as publishing a student curriculum on the prevention of school-based mean teasing, bullying, intimidation, and harassment.

DESCRIPTION OF PARENT WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th AT 7:00-8:00 pm **JOINING SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF**

In this often humorous and interactive workshop, parents will be presented with information about how to work collaboratively with the school to reduce mean behavior and create a culture of kindness. Strategies for addressing annoying behavior, mean teasing, exclusion, name calling, ridiculing, threatening, and bullying will be shared. The research on how to reduce peer mistreatment is discussed, as well as how to increase compassion and empathy for others.

Parents are shown how to intervene when they see hurtful behavior. Parents will be given tips on how to modify mean behavior in their own children. A particular emphasis is placed on how parents can encourage and teach their children to be positive bystanders when peer mistreatment is occurring. Parents will learn how to help their kids become more empathic and “every day heroes” when they witness mean behavior. Parents will also learn how to help their child respond in a resilient way to everyday slights and hurtful interactions. These target hardening skills can be used both at school and at home with siblings. All strategies are demonstrated through a series of lively role-plays and video-clips. The workshop is 90 minutes long.

Please join us for this informative and entertaining presentation!