

Special Activities

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

"One of the words heard most often in recent years is "communication." As adults, we see the importance of it in our daily lives. Our 5th grade children are at an age where we need to be involved because of the choices that lie ahead of them. Communication should increase as they get older but more often the direction is in reverse.

It is with this in mind that I invite you and your 5th grade child to a virtual presentation at his/her school where discussion will center on the change from a: Boy to Young Man; Girl to Young Woman. The evening will allow every child the opportunity to watch with a significant adult in his/her life – for boys: father, guardian, an uncle, grandparent or older brother; for girls: mother, guardian, an aunt, grandparent or older sister; but every fifth grade student should have the opportunity to communicate with a significant adult in his/her life. Our past experiences have shown that it is as important for adults as it is for the child to attend this evening together.

The presenter will be a district health/physical education teacher who can serve as a resource to both adults and students within our school district on this topic. The maturity presentations will be conducted virtually through a Zoom link that will be sent to parents using School Messenger. The idea of the evening is to open communication with our children so that we can talk about tough issues when they are teenagers. Adults as well as children begin to feel comfortable as they commence to talk with each other and this interaction will pay many dividends not only in a few years but also throughout life."

Girls to Young Women Maturity Schedule 2022-2023 – all presentations begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Girl to Young Woman Maturity Presentations are available for 5th grade girls who attend our elementary school buildings.

School	Teacher	Day / Date	Time / Place
Otsego	Jennifer Friaglia	November 10, 2022, Thursday	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Vanderbilt	Jennifer Friaglia	December 1, 2022, Thursday	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Signal Hill	Jennifer Friaglia	December 5, 2022, Monday	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Paumanok	Jennifer Friaglia	December 8, 2022, Thursday	7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Sunquam	Jennifer Friaglia	December 15, 2022, Thursday	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
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One last district-wide 4th & 5th grade Girl to Young Woman Maturity Presentation will take place in the spring (see below).

4 th & 5 th Grade Girls	Jennifer Friaglia	Date TBD	7:00 pm via Zoom
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Boys to Young Men Maturity Schedule 2023 all presentations begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Boys to Young Men Maturity Presentations will be given for 5th grade boys at each of the elementary school buildings in the spring.

School	Teacher	Day / Date	Time / Place
Otsego	Eric Micalizzi	Spring TBD	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Paumanok	Eric Micalizzi	Spring TBD	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Signal Hill	Eric Micalizzi	Spring TBD	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Sunquam	Eric Micalizzi	Spring TBD	7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Vanderbilt	Eric Micalizzi	Spring TBD	7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Please contact the office of Mr. Patrick Murphy (592-3067 or 592-3373) if you have any questions regarding the Family Life Program.

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PRIOR YEARS DONE IN EACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING:

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It is with this in mind that I invite you to bring your son to his school where discussion will center on the change from: Boy to Young Man. The evening will allow every boy the opportunity to attend with a significant male adult in his life – father, guardian, an uncle, grandparent or older brother, but every fifth grade boy should have the opportunity to communicate with a significant adult in his life. I encourage only adult males to attend with the boys. Our past experiences have shown that it is as important for adults as it is for the child to attend this evening together.

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