

December 17, 2007

Dear Parents of Grades 6-8 Students,

There is a new and beautiful program concerning critical issues which your children will face that will be introduced as part of the 7th Grade curriculum called "*See, I Make All Things New.*" It covers God's plan for life, love, relationships, sexuality, and chastity and is based on Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Recognizing you, the parents, as the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals, this curriculum's foundation begins with a parent component. This component is a DVD called "Know Yourself" intended to be watched at home.

This part of the curriculum is targeted for students in 4th through 6th grades in general. We ask you to take this DVD, view it alone initially, then YOU decide how, when, and where to show it to your child. You may wish to watch it together like a movie, you may wish your child to watch it alone and use it for discussion, or you may choose to show only certain chapters at varying stages of your child's development- YOU know your child best, so you can decide. You, of course, know your child's maturity level and understanding, so you should make this decision.

The "Know Yourself" DVD beautifully portrays the various stages of puberty your child is or will be experiencing, and it is told by Dr. Meg Meeker, a pediatrician and expert in adolescent medicine. She explains the changes in your child's body as normal and beautiful, and all part of God's plan. This information is intended to be the foundation of the curriculum, so it is important for you to cover this material at home prior to the lessons that will be taught by their teacher. Hopefully, another benefit that will develop between you and your child as a result is an open, honest, and trusting communication from which you can build and foster a relationship.

We appreciate your time and dedication to this important stage of development in your child's life. Please know we are looking forward to implementing this new curriculum to share the beauty of God's plan for your child's life. There will be an important informational meeting regarding the "*See, I Make All Things New*" program on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 in the school hall.

Sincerely,

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