

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Rachel's Challenge Year 2 is coming to Stafford Middle School on September 9th. Rachel's Legacy is the next step for schools who have accepted Rachel's Challenge. This follow up program encourages students to recognize their full potential and significance in life along with how to create their own legacy. With a whole new set of challenges and stories, this program will continue to not only impact the climate of our school, but the long-culture as well.

It is an incredible story of courage and hope. Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School tragedy on April 20, 1999. Through this terrible tragedy, Darrell Scott, Rachel's father saw the deep impact Rachel's story had on people. She left behind an amazing legacy and a simple challenge to anyone who will accept it- treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may change the world you live in. Through Rachel's Challenge program, there has been an evident change in the climate of schools. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with her five challenges have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Stafford Middle School will host two one hour presentations of Rachel's Challenge for students on Sept 9th. The presentations will include powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. Rachel's Challenge motivates the students toward positive change in the way they treat others.

The 6th and first half of 7th grade students will view the presentation at 9:00-9:45, and the 6th and second half of 7th grade students will attend the presentation at 10:00-10:45. Both presentations will take place in the Stafford Middle School cafeteria. All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact us if you do not want your child to view the assembly.

We invite you to bring your family to hear the program at one of the times listed during the day. If you are unable to attend, you may visit www.rachelschallenge.com and watch the short preview of the program. We are excited that the Frisco ISD has provided this unique opportunity for our students. Through a district wide effort to introduce students to Rachel's Challenge, we foresee our students nurturing the kindness and compassion that exists within them and consequently developing the ability to make their relationships both positive and meaningful.

Thank you for sharing your students with us.

Sincerely,

Brenda Elmore, counselor (6th and 7th grade –A-L)
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