

August 30, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of the middle school health curriculum, we partner presenters from the Pregnancy Resource Center to speak on issues related to teen sexuality. The IN THE KNOW program has been presented to our 8th grade students for the past three years and address the following topics:

- Goal-setting and protecting teenagers' futures
- Exhibiting self-control
- Possible emotional, physical, mental and social consequences of sexual activity outside of marriage
- Common STDs and how they spread
- Refusal skills: practical tips for overcoming peer-pressure

The program also employs interactive exercises and discussions. A powerful true-life video testimony will encourage and impact the students, giving them a clear and consistent message in helping them come to their own conclusions that abstinence provides them with the safest and healthiest lifestyle.

The Canon-McMillan School District has always considered parents to be the primary educators in the area of sexuality. We need your support to reach young people with information of the dangers of early sexual involvement.

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to Mrs. Hedderman in the Counselor's Office by Friday, September 9, 2016, if you **DO NOT** want your student to participate in this program. Feel free to contact your student's counselor or Nadine Michalak, PRC Education Director, at 412-973-3806 or educationprcsh@comcast.net should you have any questions.

The Pregnancy Resource Center will also have a staff member on hand during Back to School Night on September 13th to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Taranto
Principal

I, _____, **DO NOT** give permission for my son/daughter,
_____, to attend the IN THE KNOW program at Canonsburg Middle School.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

The Mission of the Canon-McMillan School District, in partnership with the community, is to invest in our greatest resource, our students. We strive to teach, challenge and support all students to prepare them for college and careers with the information and skills necessary to compete, achieve and serve as leaders in a global economy as ethical and responsible citizens. We are an equal rights and opportunity school district.