



Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, Rachel's Challenge will be presenting at Cortland Junior Senior High School. There will be a presentation for seventh and eighth graders at 8:15 a.m., and another presentation for students in grades nine through twelve at 1:05 p.m. There will also be an evening presentation for parents and community members on the same day from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Rachel's Challenge was founded by Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Scott. Rachel was the first victim to be killed in the Columbine High School tragedy on April 20, 1999. The mission of Rachel's Challenge is to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in his/her school, business and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. The Rachel's Challenge program is a tribute to Rachel Scott and her enduring message.

The presentation contains powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. It holds students spell-bound and motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. The seventh/eighth grade and evening presentation is geared for older students and adults.

Part of our mission at CJSHS is to provide a safe learning environment that fosters tolerance and respects individual differences. We strive to create a school culture through the education of our staff, students and parents/guardians in which each individual feels physically and emotionally safe, accepted and treated with dignity. It is our hope that Rachel's Challenge will provide us with more tools to combat bullying and transform lives.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to host Rachel's Challenge at CJSHS this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We look forward to seeing you at the evening event.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mack
10-12 Principal