

Dear Junior High Parents,

I hope your child is enjoying junior high. In my last email, I shared about our weekly Titan Teams that are held on Wednesdays. This time is an opportunity to build community through connecting with others, share important information, and hold conversations explicitly about character. Each week, we will post the information shared during Titan Teams on our website to offer families an opportunity to continue the conversation at home. Conversations around your dinner table offer an incredible opportunity in a more intimate setting for parents to think through these topics in greater depth. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with parents and assist you in their child's development towards exemplary citizenship.

One of your child's FLEX times this week will be talking through our Know the No's with our students. This is a PowerPoint about serious discipline issues that could lead to suspension or expulsion. Issues of this nature are difficult for students, families, and schools. It is our hope that discussing these difficult topics in advance will help students in their decision making processes and provide families with information to talk about with their child at the start of the year. We will also talk through the four key topics of discrimination/harassment, bullying, Safe2Tell, and conflict resolution.

The junior high will be on a special schedule Wednesday that will include an assembly with Mike Donahue from Value Up. Mr. Donahue will also be speaking to our high school students in a separate assembly. He will be sharing with our students that they are valuable and the importance of respect. I have included a brief section of Mr. Donahue's bio. More information about Mr. Donahue and Value Up can be found on the [Value Up website](#).

Mike Donahue has spoken to more than one million students. He has spent the last 25 years working hand in hand with young people all over the world, helping them find purpose and define themselves as they navigate the often- difficult transition from childhood to adulthood. In addition to traveling the United States, Asia, South America, and Europe speaking to young people, Mike has authored four books: Reinventing My Normal, Hidden Scars, Talking to Brick Walls, and his newest book, Value Up.

Junior High Students will hopefully come home excited to share about the speaker and afford you a great opportunity to continue the conversation at home.

[Link to this Week's Character Information](#)

Respectfully,
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