

Peters Township Middle School Rachel's Challenge: Exclusion Form

The Peters Township School District is proud to bring the Rachel's Challenge program to our students, staff and community. Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit organization that seeks to make schools safer, more connected places where bullying and violence are replaced with kindness and respect; and where learning and teaching are awakened to their fullest. On Thursday, September 20th, PTMS students and staff will participate in our Rachel's Challenge launch presentation. This program is meant to inform students about the profound positive impact we can have on those around us.

As you may be aware, Rachel Joy Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Rachel was known by students and teachers as a student who was always kind and compassionate towards everyone. Following her death, students and staff reached out to her parents and media to share their stories of how Rachel's kindness positively impacted their life. From these stories, a national organization was created to spread acts of kindness and caring in schools. Today, Rachel's message reaches over 1.5 million people each year through 1,200 presentations given in schools and communities around the country. Below is a link to the Rachel's Challenge website for you to learn more about this program: <http://rachelschallenge.org/>

The presentation contains powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. While the video/audio footage might be emotional, it is not graphic and was previously viewed on the national news. Students will hear a 9-1-1 call, see surveillance images, or student and parent reunification.

Please take a moment to review the Rachel's Challenge website. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a counselor or administrator. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this program, please complete the attached form and return to the Main Office no later than Tuesday, September 18th.

Peters Township High School Rachel's Challenge

Please note that this form should be completed only if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to take part in the Rachel's Challenge Assembly at the school. Any student who returns this form will be included in a study hall in the school library during the event.

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____