

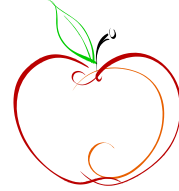


WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

JANUARY 13, 2012 NEWSLETTER

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, there will be no school Monday, January 16th. Enjoy the long week-end!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades 6 through 8 will be held Thursday, January 19th from 4:30 until 8pm. Once again, conferences will be held arena style with 7th and 8th grade and the Special's teachers in the multi-purpose room and 6th grade in the Media Center. Please be courteous and limit your conference to 10 minutes. We look forward to seeing you then!

MUSEUM OF MUSIC

The Museum of Music presented by the WLMS Music Program will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Middle School beginning at 6 PM. Fifth graders will be presenting their Instrument Power Points between 6 and 7 PM, sixth graders will be performing their Small Ensembles between 6:30 and 7:30 PM, seventh graders will be holding their Living Wax Museum from 7 to 8 PM, and eighth graders will be performing their Original Compositions from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Please feel free to wander among our wonderful “exhibits” and learn a little more about music, instruments and musicians during this exciting evening.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

On Tuesday, January 24th we will be having a very special program throughout our district called Rachel's Challenge. Rachel Scott was the first victim in the Columbine High School Tragedy on April 20th, 1999. She left behind an amazing legacy and a simple challenge—to treat others with kindness and compassion. Spokespeople for Rachel's Challenge will be conducting assemblies that day. The 5th grade will be bussed to the elementary school for an assembly, and the 6th through 8th grades will be bussed to the high school for their assembly. (The content is altered for the different ages.) This is followed by a separate interactive 90 minute training session. A presenter from Rachel's Challenge, will train both adult and student leaders on effective ways to sustain the momentum created by the assembly. The presenter will give ideas on projects and events that will maintain the culture of kindness and compassion in our school and community. If this is something that you think you might be interested in, please call the office.

That same evening, at 7pm in the high school theatre, there will be a community event regarding Rachel's Challenge. This free event also encourages you to bring a community member that may not have children in our school district at this time. It is aimed at spreading kindness and

Rachel's message throughout the community. We strongly encourage you to attend and bring your friends to this very important event. Please see the flyer on the back of this newsletter.

MAP TESTING

MAP testing will be the week of January 30th. Testing was moved due to the Museum of Music and Rachel's Challenge. Please make sure your students are well rested.

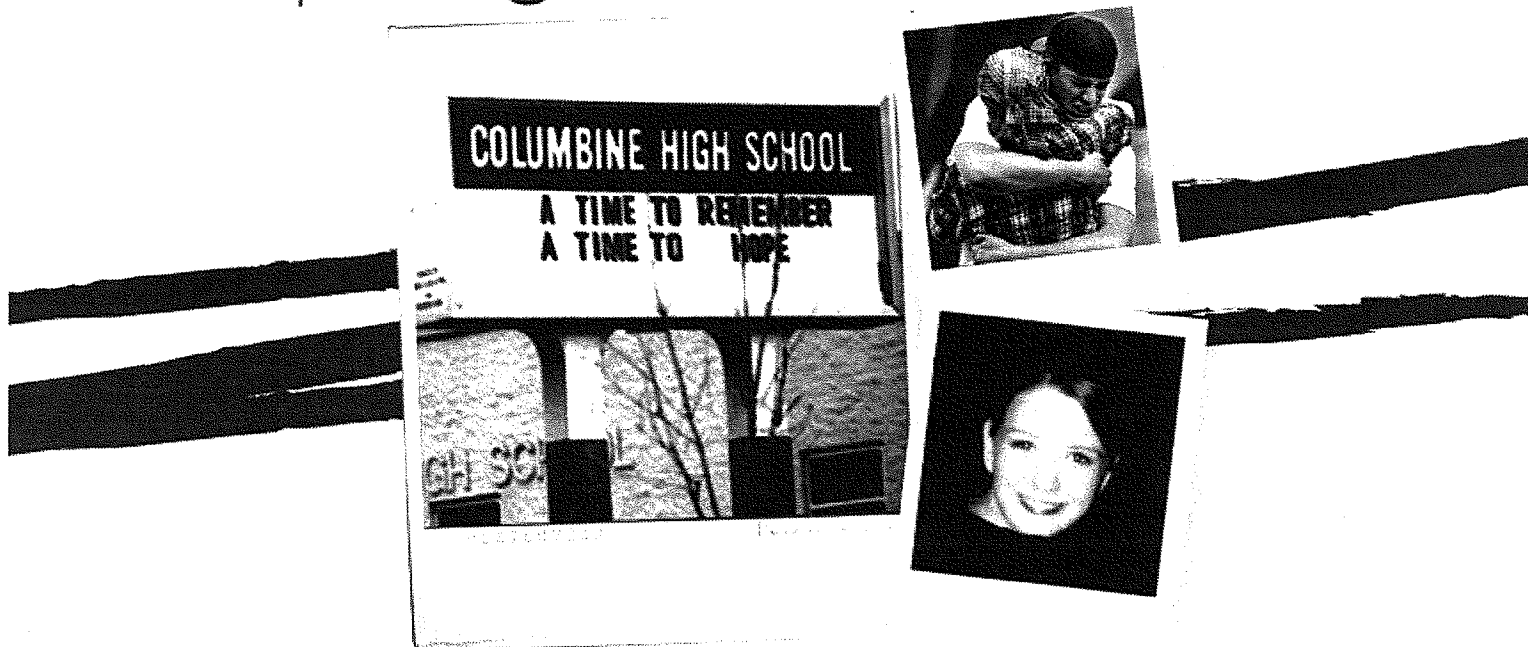
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you shop at Kroger's? Do you have a Kroger Plus Card? Did you know that if you register your card with the Kroger Company of Michigan, they will in turn donate money to our school? It's easy for you to enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. All you need to do is go to their website www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Then click on “Michigan” and click on “enroll”. Follow the directions and select Whitmore Lake Middle School. All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. When you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger card, they will make a donation to our school. It does not cost or inconvenience you in any way. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



You are invited:

to come hear an incredible story
of **courage** and **hope**.



Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School Tragedy on April 20, 1999. 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.

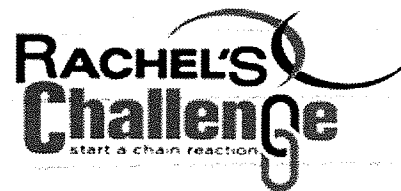
WHERE/WHEN:

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Whitmore Lake High School

7430 Whitmore Lake Road

Whitmore Lake, MI 48189



Admission is FREE!