

Columbine-Inspired Anti-Bullying Program Comes To St. Margaret School In Belair

On Tuesday, October 25th, St. Margaret School in Bel Air will kick off its new anti-bullying program, "Rachel's Challenge," named after Rachel Scott, the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. The program is a comprehensive and proactive approach to encouraging kind and compassionate behavior and involves the entire school community.

The program will kick-off with two sessions: a one-hour presentation for students to motivate them to treat others with kindness, and a similar presentation that evening for parents and community leaders. It will be followed up with a year-long curriculum called Friends of Rachel and which is designed to create a "chain reaction" effect for positive behavior among students and the school community.

Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for this insightful and instructive school program that has been featured on CNN, The Today Show and Good Morning America.

Events will take place at the school's middle school campus in the Callahan Center between 8:30-11:30 a.m. The evening session for members of the community will take place at the elementary campus from 7:00-8:00 p.m.