

Snowflake 2018

WAKE UP.



BE KIND.



REPEAT.



Dear 7th & 8th Grade Parents,

You and your child will be given the opportunity to take part in an exciting program: Snowflake 2018, hosted by Hawthorn and Oak Grove Schools. Snowflake is a prevention program, which addresses a broad range of young adolescent concerns and encourages school, family, and community involvement. It is based on the belief that providing young people with factual information, as well as opportunities for self-understanding, increases their chances for productive interaction with life. Snowflake is a “feel good” day. It is designed to keep healthy kids healthy.

Once again we are joining with Middle South and Oak Grove Schools and are planning to include parents for part of the night’s events. We believe that effective prevention utilizes the strengths of families and assists by providing information, enhancing communication, and supporting the parent-child relationship. Both parents and students will attend large group presentations and attend separate small group activities. To ensure the impact of the night we are **requiring at least one parent to attend** the night’s activities. We guarantee a night of fun and knowledge that will help you survive your child’s adolescence. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to meet other parents dealing with the same issues. Finding you are not alone helps to normalize this adolescent period. If you already have attended a Hawthorn parent program, we still encourage you to attend. Each year the presentations are new, information is current, and as always, provides an opportunity to open communication between you and your child on difficult teen subjects.

SNOWFLAKE 2018 is a Friday evening event held this year at Hawthorn Middle School South. It will take place October 19 from 2:15pm - 10:00pm for students and from 7:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for parents. Middle North students will walk to Middle South after school with staff. Parents may check-in beginning at 7:15 p.m. and hear our opening remarks at 7:25 p.m. Coffee and desserts will be served during our first break. Students will need a ride home at the end of the night. Dinner and snacks will be provided for students.

Enclosed you will find a registration form. To confirm you and your child’s placement, please fill out the attached permission form and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Registration is limited. A \$25.00 registration fee covers both student and parent. This fee includes student dinner, materials and student t-shirt.

Scholarship assistance is available. Please contact Lori Rockoff or Brian VanStaalduinen for more information. We reserve the right to deny application to students who do not participate in an appropriate manner during group activities.

Parents, don’t miss out on this great family experience. It is truly worthwhile and will make a difference in your child’s life.

Sincerely,

Lori Rockoff & Brian VanStaalduinen

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Operation Snowflake seeks to bring together middle school youth, community professionals and other caring adults to develop a trusting relationship and provide a framework of understanding of oneself and of others. The program also strives to teach youth valuable skills that develop healthy peer relationships, promote responsible decision-making and resist negative peer pressure.

***Caring and Sharing * New Friends * New Ideas * New Skills*
*Hugs and Fuzzies * A Good Time***

LOCATION: Hawthorn Middle School South
600 Aspen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60016

DATE: Friday, October 19, 2018

TIME: Students: 2:15 – 10:00 p.m.
(students will walk to Middle South with staff)
Parents: 7:15 – 10:00 p.m. (Speaker, dessert & coffee)

FEE: \$25.00 Per Student (make checks payable to Hawthorn 73)
(Fee includes student dinner, snack, t- shirt and materials)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

Self-esteem * Decision-making * Communication * Alcohol and Drugs *
Relationships * Peer Pressure * Family * Making Healthy Choices

For more information contact Lori Rockoff or Brian Van at 847.990.4400

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Snowflake 2018 Registration Form

Hawthorn Middle Schools North & South & Oak Grove School

Friday October 19, 2018

2:15 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for Students

7:15 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for Parents

At Hawthorn Middle South School

*Please note, Middle North students will stay after school and will walk to Middle South with staff

Parent schedule for Snowflake:

7:15pm-7:30pm	Registration and opening comments
7:30pm-8:30pm	Student and Parent Presentation
8:30pm-9:00pm	Break, (coffee, desserts)
9:00pm-10:00pm	Parent Presentation

*By granting permission for your child to attend, you also give permission for your child to be included in photographs and/or video material which will be taken at the event. The materials will be used in the YouTube channel that we have created to promote Snowflake, and may also be included in school publications such as the newsletter, Facebook page, student news, etc. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lori Rockoff (rockoffl@hawthorn73.org) or Brian VanStaalduinen (vanb@hawthorn73.org).

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

HOMEROOM _____

NAME OF PARENT ATTENDEES _____

PAYMENT: \$25.00 (please choose) Cash or Check # _____

(Please make checks payable to Hawthorn 73)

Student T-Shirt Size (please circle)

Youth Large

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult X-Large

FORMS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th

*Due to the planning process, we regret we are unable to accept any registration forms after October 5th