

Mark Your Calendar

Arrange Your Baby-sitters

You Won't Want to Miss This Presentation

What would you say if your daughter came home and talked about some "friends" making fun of her because she invited a new friend to sit with her at lunch or if your son came home and talked about the team not giving him a chance with the soccer ball at recess? What if he came home with a great test paper but doesn't seem very happy about it? Typically, you may tell him/her how proud you are and they should be the "bigger" person, ignoring these remarks, and walking away. We have all said this to children who are being targeted, whether once or multiple times, by other children. There is a better approach, and Jodee Blanco is going to share it with you.

Jodee Blanco, "survivor, expert and activist, is one of the country's pre-eminent voices on the subject of school bullying." We are proud to bring her to St. John Neumann Catholic School.

Ms. Blanco is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Please Stop Laughing at Me... One Woman's Inspirational Story*. The book inspired a movement inside the nation's schools and is swiftly becoming an American classic. Referred to by many as the "anti-bullying bible," it has been recognized as an essential resource by The National Crime Prevention Council, The Department of Health and Human Services, the National Association of Youth Courts, Special Olympics, National Catholic Education Association, and *Teacher Magazine*.

A tireless advocate of the shunned and forgotten student, Blanco's rare understanding of why kids abuse other kids comes from a deeply personal place. From fifth grade through the end of high school, she was rejected and tormented by her peers simply for being different.

Whether your youngest child is in kindergarten or your oldest is in high school, Ms. Blanco will offer tried and true methods to help your child. Her approach to help the child who is being bullied is one that every parent needs to hear, so mark your calendar for September 14.

Jodee Blanco will be spending the day with us, offering seminars for the children during the day, a teacher workshop at the end of the day, and then a parent seminar that evening; so mark your calendar. The evening session will be open to parents and students in fifth grade and older. It will be open to the public, too, so be sure to invite your family and friends. To read more about Jodee and/or her books, go to: <http://www.jodeeblanco.com/index.htm>.

Parent Session
Monday, Sept. 14
6:30-8:00 PM in the gym
St. John Neumann Catholic School