

The Courage to Speak Foundation

The Courage to Speak Empowering Youth to be Drug Free Family Night and Media Event

Prevention at Work!

The **7th Annual Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug Free Family Night** will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2010, 5:30 p.m., at West Rocks Middle School, 81 West Rocks Road, in Norwalk (*snow date: March 16*). All are invited to the event, which will bring students, parents, educators, school and government officials, business and community leaders together to affirm their commitment to keep our children safe from drugs and other risky behaviors. A complimentary dinner will be served.

This exciting media event will spotlight the outstanding work and words of students who participate in the in the Courage to Speak Foundation's programs in their schools. Norwalk's Mayor Richard Moccia, Chief of Police Harry Rilling and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Marks will introduce the students who take the microphone and speak out with their vows not to use drugs. State Representative Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr. will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

On display will be the remarkable artwork created by the students during their drug prevention classes with their teachers. Highlights of the event include the students' readings of their drug prevention messages and the *Courage to Speak Presentation* for parents and students by Ginger Katz, CEO & Founder of the Courage to Speak Foundation. The evening includes presentation of The Courage to Speak Community Leadership Awards for teachers and volunteers and Recognition Awards for parents who participated in the *Courage to Speak-Courageous Parenting 101* drug prevention education program.

“Bringing students and parents together to talk openly and honestly about the dangers of drugs is the most important goal of Family Night,” stated Ms. Katz. “By helping our students become outstanding anti-drug advocates and mentors for their friends and younger siblings, we hope to eradicate the problem of drug and alcohol use among young people in CT and across the country.

For more information about the event, visit www.couragetospeak.org, or call 1-203-831-9700.

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