

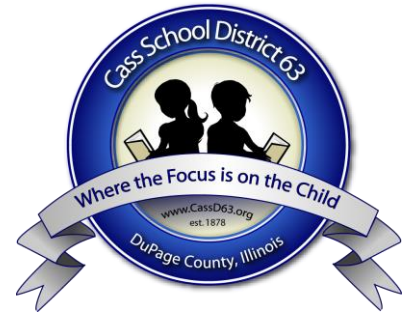
CASS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Important Information for Parents of Students in 8th Grade

During our school improvement half days, we provide activities which are meant to support the social emotional needs of our students and meet state mandated requirements. Obviously this year, we have and will present these virtually on half day Fridays.

Our school district partners with AWARE (Adolescents with Awareness, Resources, and Education) Program to provide student presentations to compliment the AWARE Health Curriculum that Illinois mandates for all 8th grade students. AWARE is a comprehensive prevention program designed to provide 8th grade students with the information and resources that they need to face tough relationship issues. The AWARE program is comprised of three collaborative agencies: Teen Parent Connection, Robert Crown Center for Health Education, and YWCA West Suburban Center. Student workshop topics include teen pregnancy prevention and healthy decision making (Teen Parent Connection), sexually transmitted infection prevention (Robert Crown Center), and dating violence and sexual assault prevention (YWCA).

If you would like more information about Teen Parent Connection or the AWARE program, please visit their website at: <http://www.teenparentconnection.org/parents>. Please click [here](#) for additional parent information on this topic.

The tentative dates for the AWARE program will coincide with our half-day programs. These planned dates are October 30 (Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention), December 18 (Teen Pregnancy Prevention), February 12 (Dating Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention) and April 23 (Healthy Decision Making).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications you may need.

Fondly,

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