

# Back to School Parent Guide

Dear Parents,

Please know your church is here for you. We want to support your family in building a foundation that is in line with Catholic Doctrine, doctrine inspired by the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ Himself. In response to these challenging times, it is crucial that you understand your role and remain vigilant regarding your child's education. As Catholics, we must evangelize with love and approach a sensitive situation with respect and clarity to the recipient as to what we will allow and not allow our children to be exposed to.

The letter below is merely a suggestion that other parents have contributed to and found to be useful in approaching a school administration with concerns.

Dear Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_,

We are so excited for \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of your classroom and look forward to collaborating with you in ensuring our child's success. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we do not authorize (state your child's name) to be present or participate in any lectures, lessons, assignments, questionnaires, or discussions that include topics related to sexuality or gender identity. The subjective nature of these topics may encroach on our religious beliefs and practices that are protected in the U.S. Constitution.

Finally, in the event that you are made aware that these topics have been presented to (state your child's name), I am requesting that I am immediately informed. We appreciate your dedication as an educator and look forward to a fruitful school year. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

## Suggestions on how to remain involved in your child's education:

- **1. Check the district calendar for any Board of Education meetings. You have a right and responsibility to be present and voice your concerns.**
- **2. Your child/children have designated library days. Know when these days are and what books are being circulated for the kids to check out.**
- **3. Check your district's website and ask what "diversity, equity and inclusion" curriculum looks like and how it will be integrated in classrooms.**
- **4. Ask about bathroom and locker room facilities and how your child will be protected in these spaces.**

Faith foundation begins at home. However, our diocese provides opportunities for youth involvement. These programs are designed to evangelize and inspire our youth to grow in their faith and be disciples for Christ.

## Encourage your children to attend these programs.

	St. George	St. Joseph	St. Thomas	Holy Martyrs	Sacred Heart
<b>Boys (Middle School)</b>	3:16 (Middle School boys) Wednesdays	LITE Wednesdays	CREW Thursday	KEPA Tuesdays	
<b>Girls (Middle school)</b>	Circle of Friends Thursdays	Little Flowers Wednesdays	J2S Tuesday nights	Haven Tuesdays	
<b>High School students</b>	DOC Tuesdays	CLC Thursdays	CLC Wednesdays	MRUs Wednesdays	Super Saints Thursdays

# GREAT SCHOOLS INITIATIVES

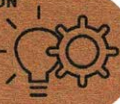


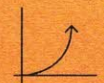
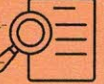
## 6 STEPS TO OPT-OUT OF ROGUE SEX ED

YOUNG CHILDREN TODAY ARE BEING EXPOSED TO HIGHLY SEXUALIZED CONTENT IN CLASSROOMS. SCHOOLS ARE NORMALIZING INAPPROPRIATE AND CONFUSING SEXUAL CONTENT, DIRECTLY TARGETING OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN. IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE A STAND.

AT THE GREAT SCHOOLS INITIATIVE, WE BELIEVE IN FOSTERING THE WELFARE AND FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE THOMAS MORE SOCIETY, WE HAVE CREATED THE OPT-OUT FORM TO EMPOWER PARENTS AND CAN BE USED IN ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS STRONG LAWS REGARDING SCHOOLS AND SEX EDUCATION. PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPT-OUT THEIR STUDENT FROM ANY AND ALL SEX EDUCATION, DISCUSSION, PROMOTION, AND COERCION WITHOUT PENALTY TO THE STUDENT.

ACCORDING TO MICHIGAN LAW, THE SCHOOL MUST COMPLY WITH THE PARENT'S OPT-OUT DEMAND. IF A VIOLATION OCCURS, GSI AND THE THOMAS MORE SOCIETY ARE HERE TO HELP BY FOLLOWING THE STATE'S DEFINED GRIEVANCE PROCESS THAT CAN INCLUDE LEGAL ACTION.

- 1. CLICK THE "BEGIN OPT-OUT" BUTTON ON GSI'S WEBSITE TAB ON OPT OUT**  
After you click the "Begin Opt-Out" button, you will see the instructions for completing the Opt-Out Download Request Form as shown below. 
- 2. FILL OUT THE OPT-OUT DOWNLOAD REQUEST FORM AND PRESS "SUBMIT"**  
After you click the "Submit" button, you will see an option for downloading the PDF Opt-Out form that you will complete and submit to your school as shown below.
- 3. CLICK THE "DOWNLOAD OPT-OUT PDF" BUTTON**  
After you click the "Download Opt-Out PDF" button, you will be taken to the PDF form that you will complete and submit to your school as shown below. 
- 4. FILL OUT THE PDF OPT-OUT FORM AND MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**  

- 5. EMAIL OR DROP OFF THE COMPLETED OPT-OUT FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL**  

- 6. COMPLETE THE GSI OPT-OUT SUBMISSION STATUS FORM**  
Once you have emailed or dropped off your Opt-Out form to your school, complete the GSI Opt-Out Submission Status form by clicking the "Opt Out Status" button on GSI's Website. 

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# Books to Watch out For

1. All boys aren't blue
2. Beloved
3. Bluest eye
4. Coming out
5. Fun home
6. Gender queer
7. Handmaid's tale
8. Kite runner
9. Looking for Alaska
10. Lovely bones
11. Push
12. Slaughterhouse five
13. Speak
14. Truth about Alice
15. Papa, Daddy, and Riley