



2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

AWARE is an acronym for **A**dolescents **W**ith **A**wareness, **R**esources, and **E**ducation. AWARE is a comprehensive prevention program and is designed to provide middle school students with the information and resources they need to make healthy decisions.

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As part of the 8th grade Physical Development and Health curriculum, students will hear four guest speakers. The four AWARE speakers are hosted by three collaborative partners: Teen Parent Connection, the YWCA West Suburban Center, and the Robert Crown Center for Health Education. Students will be educated on the topics of teen pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, and responsible sexual decision-making. Adolescents who are informed and educated are more likely to make healthy decisions, develop healthy relationships, and postpone sexual involvement. AWARE is an abstinence-based program.

If you would not like your child to participate in this program, please call 630-671-4300 by Monday, October 29 to let our office know. If you reach our school's voicemail, please be sure to include:

- That you are requesting that your child not participate in the program
- Your child's first and last name
- Your child's grade level
- Your name

By not calling our school office, you are giving your implied permission for your child to participate in this program this school year.

Thank you

Carol Stream School

Cloverdale School

Elsie Johnson School

Heritage Lakes School

Roy DeShane School

Western Trails School

Jay Stream Middle School

Stratford Middle School

Early Childhood Center