



## *Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marcia McEvoy

### **“Helping Kids Support Each Other”**

Join the ICSJ Administration and Marcia McEvoy, Psychologist and Consultant, for a key note address. Dr. McEvoy will discuss ways to help children develop empathy, recognize signs of distress in each other, and the importance of taking action. She will also discuss other positive aspects of the program.

**Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Hill Street Gymnasium**

**Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

ICSJ is committed to a systematic, comprehensive approach to address mean behavior.

*If you have a question(s) that would benefit the group please submit those in advance to Ronda Quinn, [rquinn@icsnorthpark.com](mailto:rquinn@icsnorthpark.com)*

*If you have a concern specific to your child, Marcia will answer those individually following her presentation.*

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Marcia McEvoy received her Ph.D. in School Psychology in 1985 from the University of Cincinnati. As a Licensed Psychologist, she has worked in a variety of settings including public schools, community mental health centers, child diagnostic clinics, and two universities. She presently owns her own consulting business.

Dr. McEvoy is an expert in the area of aggression prevention, including the prevention of youth suicide. She has trained numerous school-based crisis response teams in the areas of crisis intervention, suicide assessment and prevention, and critical incident response. She is the co-author of a book entitled, **Preventing Youth Suicide: A Handbook for Educators and Human Service Professionals**, published by Learning Publications.

Dr. McEvoy has developed a number of prevention programs for youth, including the Peer Assistant Leadership (PAL) Program, which won a national award as an outstanding prevention program. Other school-based curricula she has developed include the prevention of bullying, harassment, abusive dating relationships, and youth suicide.

For the past 17 years, Dr. McEvoy has worked as a consultant to schools all over Michigan and the Midwest on how to reduce student cruelty and enhance caring and connectedness. She is currently co-authoring a book on the prevention of school-based mean teasing, bullying, intimidation, and harassment. She has trained thousands of administrators, teachers, parents, and students on this topic.