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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to continue educating students on the effects of bullying and the importance of positive character development, Mr. Winterboer and Mrs. Marchetti will be showing a movie called, "A Girl Like Her" to all 7th and 8th grade students. Following the movie, we will have small group discussions with students in each grade. The movie is a mock documentary, following the life of a high school girl that is continually tormented by a former friend in the hallways at school, in classrooms and via cell phone, throughout a few months. The result of the bullying is life changing, for the victim and the perpetrator. It is a powerful reminder of the strength of our words and actions and their devastating effect on others. The movie is rated PG-13, but we have seen it, and the rating is primarily due to language, which unfortunately most students have been exposed to. The movie is available on Amazon to stream or purchase if you would like to view it.

We believe strongly that this is a crucial message for our students, and an important time in their lives to hear it. We are confident in our ability to deliver the message with empathy and conviction and appreciate your trust with this sensitive matter. However, if you would prefer your student not view the movie or be a part of the discussion, please send us an email. Our email addresses are [winterbt@smithville.k12.mo.us](mailto:winterbt@smithville.k12.mo.us) or [marchetr@smithville.k12.mo.us](mailto:marchetr@smithville.k12.mo.us).

In addition to this discussion at school, we will be sending home a list of topics for you to explore and discuss with your child. We are committed to partnering with families regarding this ever increasingly important topic.

Sincerely,

Tod Winterboer  
Principal

Rachael Marchetti  
Assistant Principal