



Monday, January 23, 2012

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Chaminade College Preparatory School



Michael Thompson, Ph.D. Conference

Michael Thompson, Ph.D. is a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families. He is the clinical consultant to The Belmont Hill School and has worked in schools around the globe. He is an author and co-author of numerous books and articles on raising and educating boys in America; most notable is his New York Times best-selling book, *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys* (Ballantine Books, 1999). A dedicated speaker and traveler, Michael Thompson has appeared on The Today Show, The Oprah Winfrey Show, ABC 20/20, CBS 60 Minutes, The Early Show and Good Morning America and National Public Radio. He has been quoted in the New York Times, The Washington Post, Newsweek, Time and U.S. News and World Report.

The Program

(For a more detailed description of each session visit www.independentschools.org)

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Session

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Raising Cain: Understanding the Nature of Boys

What's the matter with my son? Why is he an underachiever in school? Why are boys so violent? Why won't boys talk to adults? Educators and parents in the United States are engaged in an important debate about the way we raise and educate boys. Boys do not do as well in school as girls, from elementary school through college and they are at risk for concluding that schools don't work for them and becoming withdrawn and bitter. In this talk, Dr. Thompson gives suggestions to teachers, fathers and mothers about how to support a boy in the early years of school and how to help a boy remain emotionally open in adolescence.

Lunch

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Sessions

1:00 a.m. - 3:30 p, m.

Top Twelve Suggestions for Teaching Boys

Boy academic underachievement is a national problem. Sixty percent of college degrees and fifty-six percent of graduate degrees go to young women. Even in independent schools, girls dominate the top quarter of a graduating class and boys are in the majority in the bottom quarter. Why are boys less engaged in school than girls? What can the individual classroom teacher do to address the academic needs of boys? In this talk, Dr. Thompson will discuss the biggest obstacles to success for boys in school and what educators can do to help boys surmount them.

Dealing with Difficult Parents

Ninety-five percent of parents are loving and concerned people who only want their child known and well taught. Though they may become anxious or angry at times, teachers should be able to handle their concerns. Five percent of parents, for reasons of their own mental disorders or troubled lives must act their difficulties out on the school and on teachers. It is essential that teachers be able to distinguish between these two groups and request administrative help for dealing with the tough minority. Dr. Thompson gives suggestions for managing the aggressive-intimidating parent, the anxious-incompetent parent and the denying-unresponsive parents.

BONUS: ISSL's Rush Hour Program for Teachers and Administrators

4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.

Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Friendship Development, Popularity and Social Cruelty in Childhood

This presentation walks teachers and parents through the complex social world of childhood and addresses a number of questions: What do social relationships in school predict about happiness in adult life? What is the normal sequence of child friendships, from the parallel play of the two-year-old to the intimate self-disclosure of the adolescent? Why do cliques form and what are the differences between boy and girl groups? Why are children scapegoated and how can their parents and school protect them? Dr. Thompson will draw on research to highlight the differences between friendship and popularity. He makes suggestions about the management of social problems in schools and makes the case that while all children yearn for popularity, it is friendship that helps children survive and thrive.

Registration

The program Fee is \$125 for a single attendee. Registration Deadline is Monday, January, 16, 2012.

Location: Chaminade College Preparatory School is located at 425 S. Lindbergh Blvd

From Highway 40 and Lindbergh Blvd., travel north on Lindbergh and take the Chaminade exit which is approximately 1 mile north of Highway 40. The Skip Viragh Center for the Arts is located on the left as you enter the main entrance. Parking should be available in front of Chaminade Hall or in the lot located in the north end of the back of campus. The presentation will take place in the Siefert Auditorium which is located on the first floor immediately as you walk in the main entrance.



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To Register:

Register online at www.independentschools.org or fill out the information below. Mail your \$125.00 per person check made payable to "Independent Schools of St. Louis" and this completed registration form to the address below.

Workshop Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School _____

Position/Title _____

Grade Level/Subject Area _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Will special assistance or meals be required? _____

Workshop Fee: The cost of attendance is \$125.00 per ISSL Teacher/Administrator.

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