

Dear Parent or Guardian,

On February 28, 2017, New Trier High School will hold an all-school seminar day with the theme “Understanding Today’s Struggle for Racial Civil Rights.” This is a day of regular attendance for students, who will hear from two keynote speakers and choose two workshops presented by staff, students, and experts on the topic. The schedule for the day will follow our early dismissal times (normal start times but dismissal at 2:05 p.m. at Northfield and 2:25 p.m. at Winnetka). In December, we will share the names of our keynote speakers and a catalog of the workshop sessions. We are also working to provide opportunities for parents to hear our keynote speakers at special evening events, and we will inform you when we have more details about those opportunities.

In preparation for the day, I would like to invite you to attend the ECGC Parent Group program “How Can We Talk about Identity and Race?” on November 30<sup>th</sup>. A flier for this event is included below. At this event, we will share updated information regarding the all-school seminar day and facilitate a discussion about how we as adults can help our students talk about the complex issue of race in our country. Please consider joining us!

**"How Do We Talk About Identity and Race?"**

**A Parent Preview to the All School Seminar**

**Is it OK for us to talk about race?**

**What can we all do to understand our own racial identity?**

**How can we identify and explore bias?**