High School Assembly (4)

People

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A message from SOUTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians.

I wanted to make you aware of an assembly that we had today at the high school. Over the first two months of school we have been dealing with some of the following issues:

- Students yelling the N word down the hall, in the lunch room and in gym
- Students calling black students cotton pickers
- Students calling lesbians, dykes
- * Swastikas being drawn on homework, laptops, screensavers, being carved into bathroom stalls and students doing Hiel Hitler signs

In the assembly today we addressed the student body about treating one another with respect. While I feel we have an excellent student body, these things are happening in our school and we need to do better. I asked students to ask themselves if they treat people the way that they would want to be treated. I also asked them if their peers influence them at times and can they be a better person and help those friends and others be better too. I also explained that they don't always know what someone else may be dealing with, whether it is a home situation, a school or peer group issue, or the fact that they don't have food or a safe place to live. They need to be mindful of their words and their behaviors. Over the next several months we will be doing some school wide activities to continue to try and address some of these behaviors with our student body. I am asking that you have some of these conversations with your child at home in support of what we are trying to do at school. It is my hope that our students will do a better job of respecting one another and accepting each other's differences. The students were a great audience in the assemblies and I feel they listened to the message that was being delivered.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this issue.

Sincerely,

Christine Siegfried

Principal

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