

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Northville Public Schools first-ever *Parent Camp* coming on March 12<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, Northville Public Schools will host its first-ever *Parent Camp* at Northville High School! The event will feature a morning filled with sessions on topics that matter to you as a parent. Dr. Patrick O'Connor – college counselor and author of the book *College is Yours 2.0* – will be the keynote speaker, sponsored by the Northville High School PTSA. Registration and refreshments will be available at 8:30 a.m. Dr. O'Connor's keynote address will begin at 9 a.m. and all sessions will conclude by noon.

Following Dr. O'Connor's opening remarks, Northville Public Schools' educators and community members will offer sessions on a variety of topics relevant for parents from preschool to graduation, including "Helping Your Child Manage Stress and Anxiety," "Understanding the New PSAT/SAT," "Managing the Transition from Middle School to High School," "Understanding Middle School Boys," and "Supporting Your Elementary Child's Learning at Home." A complete list of sessions and presenters will be available soon.

In his keynote address, "College Admissions Process: What Parents Need to Know," Dr. O'Connor will share the keys to a successful, family-focused approach to college selection. Choosing a college can be one of the most exciting times in a student's life – but with so many choices and so many other students applying, how can families stay focused on what matters? Does applying for college have to be stressful, or is there a better way to support your child in this important life transition? Dr. O'Connor will offer insights for preparing, searching, and applying for college in a way that is exciting, sane, and student-centered. Copies of Dr. O'Connor's book, *College is Yours 2.0*, also will be available for purchase on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Born and raised in Detroit, Dr. O'Connor has been a college counselor since 1984, serving students in rural, urban, and suburban high schools, as well as community college. In addition to writing a weekly column for *Huffington Post* and [www.collegeisyours.com](http://www.collegeisyours.com), his work also has appeared in *High School Counselor Week*, *MyFootpath.com*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Washington Post*, *The Detroit Free Press* and *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.

Dr. O'Connor has served as president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. He is on the board of directors of The Common Application, the Michigan College Access Network, and the Credentialing Commission for the American Institute of Certified Educational Planners. A member of the Political Science Faculty at Oakland Community College (OCC), he is a recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award from OCC, the Margaret Addis Service to NACAC Award, and the William Gramenz Award (for outstanding contributions to college counseling in Michigan.) He holds five college degrees, including a Ph.D. in Education Administration.

We look forward to seeing you on March 12<sup>th</sup> for an exciting and informative morning of *Parent Camp*. Look for more information about session topics coming soon! For questions, e-mail Deanna Barash, Northville Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, at [barashde@northvilleschools.org](mailto:barashde@northvilleschools.org).