

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our next unit in PHW is Human Sexuality. As with all the units we cover in this class, our goal is to help students make informed, healthy choices. In this unit, I want to assure you that **ABSTINENCE IS STRESSED AS THE HEALTHIEST CHOICE**, for a large number of reasons. The goal is to help students see why it is the healthiest choice.

The handouts and videos used are available for you to preview if you wish. You have the right to excuse your child from participation in all or part of this unit. Your child will not be penalized, but will be expected to do alternative assignments.

Please feel free to call me with any concerns or questions that you may have. I can be reached most easily by email or during my planning time from 7:45-8:30am. My phone number is 925-5846 and my email address is augek@glcomets.net. I encourage you to ask your student what we talked about in class each day. You will stay informed and most likely have some interesting discussions!! **This letter is due back by Monday May 23, 2016**

Human Sexuality Unit

- Provide students with frameworks for thinking about sexuality and its meaning in human relationships
- Provide students with accurate information about the biology of sexuality and reproduction
- Inform students about the connection between identity development in adolescence and the capacity for intimacy in young adulthood
- Illustrate for students the roles of information, feelings, and values in responsible decision – making about sexuality
- Allow students to analyze real – life situations, with attendant feelings, pressures, and consequences of sexual behavior choices, in order to strengthen their judgment –making abilities
- Raise students’ awareness of parental fears about too-early sexual relationships as well as their hopes for their children’s sexual responsibility and happiness
- Encourage dialogue between students and their parents about sexual values
- Provide students with up-to-date information about pregnancy prevention and local resources for related medical advice, health education, and counsel
- Inform students about sexually transmitted infections and encourage them to avoid behaviors that risk infection
- Encourage students to think as concretely as possible about their futures with an eye toward analysis of how present behaviors and relationships factor into their long-range life plans
- Encourage students to abstain from sexual intercourse and the advanced levels of sexually intimacy until young adulthood and marriage

- Instruct students on different contraceptive methods, but only the teacher will demonstrate and not pass around, nor distribute

Please Sign Blank 1, 2, OR 3 and return this portion of the letter.

Student's Name _____ **Hour** _____

1. I have read the above letter and my student may participate

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

2. I wish to **excuse** my student from participating in the human sexuality unit

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

3. I wish to **excuse** my student from **parts** of the unit, **but not all** of the instruction. Please mark which sections you would like to **excuse** your student from.

- _____ Male/Female body parts
- _____ Healthy Relationships
- _____ Sexually Transmitted Infections
- _____ Contraception (discussion only, nothing is distributed to the students)

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Sincerely,

Kellee L. Auge