

Dear Families,

This year, we will be participating in GLSEN's [No Name-Calling Week](#), (NNCW) is a week organized by K-12 educators and students to end name-calling and bullying in schools. We know that name-calling and the use of hurtful and biased words is a reality, even at our school. If left uninterrupted by educators and other adult role models, these behaviors can take root in children's hearts and minds. NNCW shares tools and resources for disrupting anti-LGBTQ+ harassment and bias-based bullying, and encourages all students to share what they want to be called.

This program is part of our school's ongoing effort to create a welcome learning environment for all of our students. No Name-Calling Week encourages schools to address name-calling and bias-based bullying so that all students feel safer and more affirmed at school. It is also an opportunity for students to reflect on their identities and to check in with themselves about the names, pronouns, and identifiers that feel good to them. Our school will be joining schools across the country who have pledged to make sure all LGBTQ+ youth feel safe, seen, and celebrated this January and beyond.

This year, No Name-Calling Week occurs on (dates for the week). During No Name-Calling Week, we will organize activities at school that focus on identity, the power of words, and how to build a culture where all students feel safe to be themselves. We will [share programming ideas and events planned.]

If you have any questions or suggestions for the week, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you!