

January 17, 2019

OLGC FAMILIES,

On Wednesday, February 6, 2019 *New York Times* bestselling author and bullying survivor turned activist Jodee Blanco will deliver a bullying survival and prevention seminar at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. Ms. Blanco will speak to our students during the day and to our families in the evening. The event is free and open to the public—families are encouraged to attend.

The event is being presented by Our Lady of Good Counsel School and The Augustine Foundation At a time when bullying has become a serious national epidemic—preventing an estimated 160,000 children from attending school every day, OLGC SCHOOL is taking proactive measures to combat this important issue.

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Jodee's 90-minute family seminar and workshop will include:

• Jodee's story of her struggle as the target of severe school bullying, as well as what her parents and teachers did that helped; what didn't and why; and insights from the thousands of students she has worked with across the nation.

• Specific, practical advice for adults on how to intervene with a victim, bully or bystander, from the rare point of view of someone who has lived through it.

• Insights into the plight of the "adult survivor of peer abuse" and suggestions on how to overcome those open wounds from the past.

Families are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to speak with Jodee following the presentation.

## The event will take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at OLGC Church

I encourage you to attend for what promises to be a meaningful, moving and informative evening. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. Chantelle Luarca c.luarca@olgchawaii.org

## **About Jodee Blanco**

Survivor turned activist Jodee Blanco is the author of four books on bullying, including the seminal *New York Times* bestseller *Please Stop Laughing At Me...*, required reading in middle and high schools across the country. She travels to schools, sharing her story to save lives, and has spoken to over a half-million people worldwide. CBS Evening News and USA Today have featured her story, and she has bylined for CNN.Com and The Huff Post. Considered one of the pre-eminent experts on school bullying, she's a regular commentator for both national broadcast and cable networks on bullying related breaking news, and her life story has been featured in hundreds of newspapers in the U.S. and abroad. Her anti-bullying program INJJA (It's NOT Just Joking Around!), that consists of live presentations and a comprehensive character development curriculum continues to redefine the possibilities for curbing suffering in schools worldwide.

## "Together with Christ, what we Believe, we can Achieve!"