

CHASING THE DRAGON-The Life of an Opioid Addict

(Documentary by the FBI and DEA)

March 16, 2017 12:55 pm-2:32 pm

Showing to all students 9-12 followed by a panel discussion

OPT OUT FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of our drug prevention program we feel a strong need to address the profound downward spiral that can be caused by Opiate addiction. On March 16th all students grades 9-12 will be viewing a documentary made by the FBI and DEA agencies. The documentary is called ***“Chasing the Dragon- The Life of an Opioid Addict.”*** After the showing a panel discussion will occur. Members of the panel will include but are not limited to the Warren County Drug Task Force, Medical Professionals, and Prevention/Mental Health professionals. Panel members will share statistics, prevention and resource materials for all students.

At 6:30 pm, also on March 16th, a showing of the documentary will be held in the high school gym for **all parents and community members**. A panel discussion will follow this showing as well. The event will end at 8pm.

The video can be graphic as it is very realistic and may contain inappropriate language. We would like to share the video with you ahead of time and give you the opportunity to preview it. Again, this video is extremely truthful and the message is clear. If you would like to preview the documentary please go to one of the following links:

YOU TUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqdmWRExOkQ>

FBI Website <https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/newss-chasing-the-dragon-the-life-of-an-opiate-addict/view>

The description below is taken from the FBI website about the opioid epidemic.

“An opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic is sweeping the country, impacting all segments of society. To help raise awareness of this epidemic and to help educate young people on the dangers of addiction, the FBI and DEA have released the documentary ***Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict***, a compilation of heart-wrenching first-person accounts by addicts and family members of addicts about their experiences.

Again, the film includes strong language, intense content, and graphic images. **If you feel you do not want your child to view this documentary please sign below, otherwise we will assume that we have your permission.** Please return this opt out form to the office before March 16, 2017. Your child will be allowed to study in a quiet location during the programming scheduled for that day.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cathy Joefreda, Counselor 6-12, Wayne Local Schools

I do not give permission for my child to participate in viewing this documentary on March 16th, 2017.

Student name _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____