

MARK THE DATE! PLEASE JOIN US!

**When: October 29 6:30-8:00 Where: QJS Cafeteria
Parent Information Session**

***“Making the “Wonder years” Wonderful:
Understanding Our Changing Young Adolescents”***



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Young adolescence, that window in life often called the ‘wonder years’, is a unique time in human development during which our children experience enormous physical, intellectual and emotional shifts and during which they face many associated adjustments and challenges. As such, it can be helpful to understand more fully what is going on inside the hearts, bodies and minds of our emerging young teens. Join this causal, informative conversation with internationally celebrated middle grades expert, Nancy Doda, who will clarify just what parents and families can expect during these special years.

She will discuss the following:

- ★ The nature of young adolescent development (10-15 year olds)
- ★ What young adolescents need to thrive in and out of school
- ★ Wisdom from research on how best to support young adolescents

Short BIO

Dr. Nancy Doda began her career as a middle school teacher. While teaching, she completed her Masters and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction/Teacher Education at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and began conducting workshops for educators on middle school theory and practice. Since then, she has served as an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at National-Louis University, and has worked as a professional development consultant with middle school educators in all 50 states, Canada, Europe and the Far East. Today, she resides in Brookfield, VT. where she continues to work with middle grades educators especially those here at home.