



**Assisting Parents  
in Bringing up their Children  
in the Training  
and Instruction of the Lord.**



# THE PARTNERSHIP POST

**October 28 – November 1, 2019**

**Parents Day** at SVLS is this Wednesday, October 30. Parents, please feel free to stop by for as much of the day as you are able! Sit in on your child(ren)'s classes and get a feel for what a typical day in the life of your child(ren) looks like. Lunch will be served, compliments of SVLS.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be November 6-8. If you did not return the form with your family's preferred conference dates/times, please contact the teacher(s) directly today (Monday), as conference times will be scheduled Tuesday morning. Thank you.

**Parents Crosslink** SVLS receives a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *Parents Crosslink*. This newsletter is written from a Scriptural perspective and is published by Northwestern Publishing House, which is the primary publisher for WELS publications. Look in today's Partnership Post for one of the articles from the *Parents Crosslink*, and look in future editions of the Partnership Post for more snippets from this newsletter.

**The First Quarter ended** October 23. Report cards will be sent home this Friday, November 1, along with your parent-teacher conference times.

**Transportation Arrangements at the End of the Day**  
Please be sure to communicate transportation arrangements for your children with their teacher(s) if there is anything different than the normal. This would include athletics games, appointments, etc. Thank you for taking the time to do this so we can help you keep your children safe and accounted for!

**8th Grade Welcome Night @ FVLHS** is tonight, Monday, October 28. For the 8th graders, there will be a variety of activities to do and snacks to eat. For the parents, there will be information and activities as well! There will be a variety of 20-minute sessions designed to share information and ease the 8th grade to high school transition. More information can be found on [FVL's website](#) or at the [event's Facebook page](#), or you can jump straight to the [registration link](#).

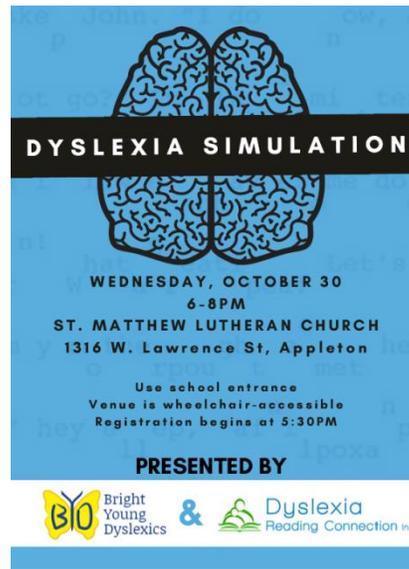
**Monday, Oct. 28, 2019  
4:00-8:00 PM**

All 8th Grade Students & their Parents are invited to our 8th Grade Welcome Night!

**Register Today at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org)**

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**  
Last week, Mr. Steinmetz sent out a short 4-question survey to each SVLS family last week via email in order to know approximately how many Choice spots/seats to plan for and in which grades. If you have not completed this survey, we'd greatly appreciate you taking the time to look at your family's financial situation and to indicate whether your family would qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program by this Friday (Nov. 1). We'd like to have every SVLS family complete the survey. Please read through the information and document attached from the original email from last week. One slight modification to the original email - the income limits for a family size of 7 should be \$83,702 (single income) and \$90,732 (married income). If you have any questions on this or anything related to School Choice, please feel free to ask Mr. Steinmetz. Thank you!

**Have you ever wondered what a student with dyslexia experiences?** If you answered yes, then you must come to this event. This will be an interactive evening with different stations to simulate what a student with dyslexia sees, hears, reads, and even writes. If you suspect your student may have dyslexia, don't miss this event. Your evening will be eye-opening, you will get your questions answered, and you will learn how to support your student. If you are an adult, parent, teacher, friend, or family member, you are welcome to this event. You will walk away with something valuable, no matter your background. Please note - this event is intended for adults only. This event is provided by Dyslexia Reading Connections and Bright Young Dyslexics.



**DYSLEXIA SIMULATION**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30  
6-8PM  
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1316 W. Lawrence St, Appleton

Use school entrance  
Venue is wheelchair-accessible  
Registration begins at 5:30PM

**PRESENTED BY**

Bright Young Dyslexics & Dyslexia Reading Connection Inc

**CPTA** - Our Next Meeting is Monday Nov 4. We will have a potluck dinner & a guest speaker! Childcare will be provided. Arrive promptly at 530 for dinner and a short meeting. The presentation will start at 6. We Hope to see you there.

CPTA's Upcoming events:

Cereal Drive - Nov. 11th

Family Dinner Night - Nov. 13

More details will be provided at the meeting on Nov. 4th

Have a Blessed Week

SVLS CPTA

BEING A CHRISTIAN KID IN AN  
**ELECTRONIC AGE**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 6:00-7:00 PM

LOCATION: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School  
N8728 S Coop Rd. | Menasha, WI 54952



**PRESENTATION TOPICS**

- Apps—the good, the bad, and the ugly
- Dealing with the drama
- Protecting teens from technology pitfalls
- Benefits of Social Media
- Open communication for parents & teens
- Setting limits

Please join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner before the presentation.

Presented by  
Rochelle Manzano  
LMFT, EMDR



CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS  
800.438.3772  
www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org

THIS WEEK'S HOT LUNCH MENU-salad served every day	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Beef Stroganoff/with noodle</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Alfredo/Garlic Bread</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Hot Dog rolled in a crescent roll/Buttered Noodles</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Chicken Tacos/Corn</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Loaded Nachos/Corn</b>

<p><b>Worship Services Bethel</b> 920-725-1822-English 920-840-5490-Espanol Sunday Worship-English 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am Los Domingos Misa-Espanol 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>Worship Services St. Luke</b> 920-788-4408 Wednesday at 6:30pm Sunday at 9:00am</p>	<p><b>Worship Services Mt. Calvary</b> 920-731-4001 Thursday at 6:30pm Sunday at 9:00am</p>
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# Parents Crosslink

Linking parents to one another and the cross

Casey A. Holtz

## DISCIPLINE: Common Challenges for Christian Parents

Most Christian parents easily recognize that discipline has an important role in parenting. Most of them are able to quote Bible passages in which God tells us discipline is one of our duties as parents. Unfortunately, many parents struggle with the decision of how and when to discipline. Providing developmentally appropriate discipline for our children is one of the greatest challenges Christian parents face. Parents are often knowledgeable about basic parenting strategies and discipline techniques, but there are many challenges and barriers that prevent parents from delivering effective consequences.

### Common Challenge #1: The Need for Immediate Results

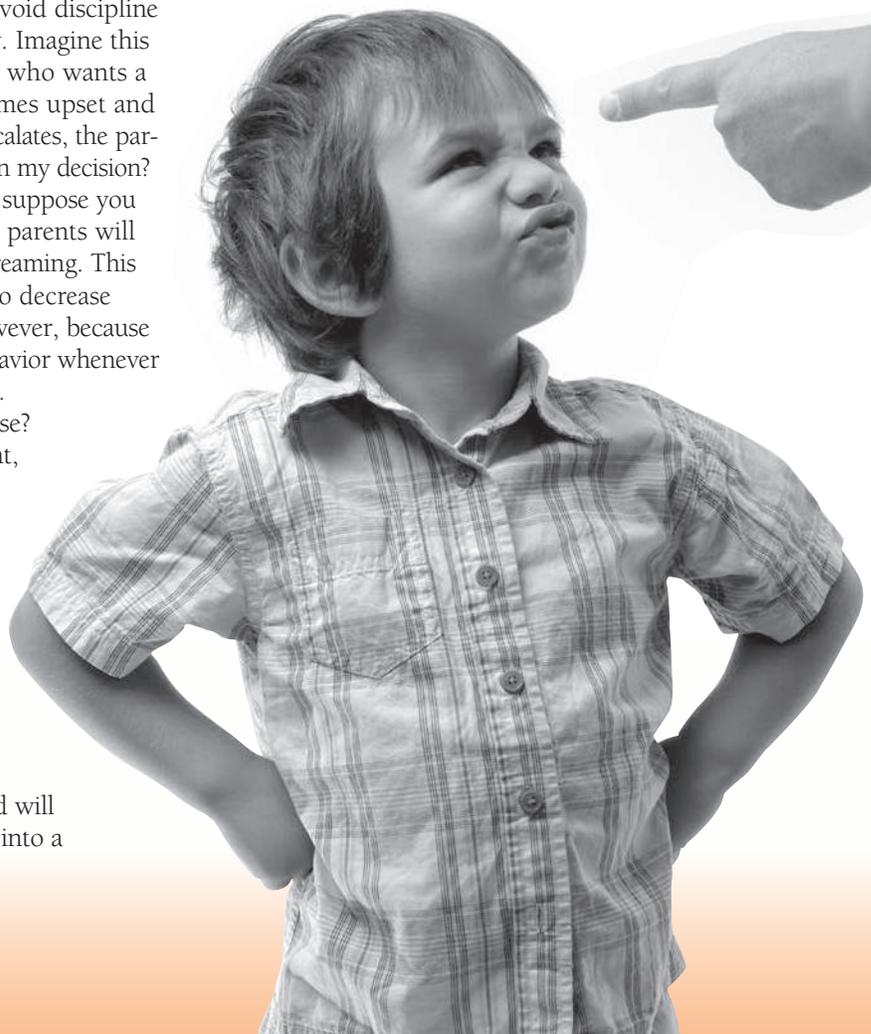
All too often, parents are shortsighted and avoid discipline because giving in is easier in the here and now. Imagine this scenario: A parent says no to her young child who wants a cookie before dinner. The child quickly becomes upset and begins crying and screaming. As the tantrum escalates, the parent is forced to make a decision: "Do I stay firm in my decision? But how do I stop my child from screaming?" I suppose you can predict the most frequent outcome. Many parents will give the child the cookie in order to stop the screaming. This parenting impulse is logical because it works to decrease the negative behavior. This is shortsighted, however, because children quickly learn to engage in tantrum behavior whenever they want to avoid discipline or to get their way.

So, how can parents fight against this impulse? Remember, parenting is a long-term investment, and parenting decisions do not always bring immediate benefits. Saying no and ignoring a child's tantrum behavior is much more difficult in the short term, but it teaches children foundational skills that will allow them to find success later in life. Setting limits can teach children important values, including respect for authority, patience, ability to delay gratification, and humility. Remember that the energy put into providing structure, consistency, and discipline for a child will benefit parents when they see their child grow into a responsible and respectful adult.

### Common Challenge #2: I Want My Child to Love Me

Christian parents love their children, and they dedicate their lives to guiding and supporting their children through the journey of life. But let us be honest. Christian parents are also sinful and typically hope to get something in return for their parenting efforts and sacrifices. The most common reward from parenting is to receive love or admiration. Obviously love is one of the great benefits of having children, but many parents believe they need to avoid discipline in order to earn the love of their child. Parents often mistakenly believe the best route to their child's heart is through befriending and leniency.

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## PROVIDING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE FOR OUR CHILDREN IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES CHRISTIAN PARENTS FACE.

(Discipline . . . cont.)

Parents *cognitively* understand that their child will not hate them if they have to set limits and discipline, but many parents are *emotionally* unable to tolerate their child's frustration, or at times anger, about being disciplined.

Parents might well consider the difference between the role of a friend and that of a parent. Friends can condone most any behavior; they provide unconditional positive regard; they are not responsible for the well-being of their friend. Parents, however, are put in a position of responsibility for their children. God formally instructs us to discipline our children and warns us, "Do not withhold discipline from a child" (Proverbs 23:13).

Parents establish rules and limits in order to keep their children safe. Parents often need to establish limits and rules regarding their child's clothing choices, curfews, early friendships, food options, and daily activities. Instead of viewing discipline as a negative aspect of parenting that causes our children to dislike us, consider the fact that setting limits is an act of love. Our loving Lord is the perfect model of a loving Father, as he rebukes us out of love to bring us closer to him. In Proverbs 3:11,12, God challenges us to realize discipline is an act of love: "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in." Psychologically speaking, your children need you as a parent, not just as a friend. Children may fuss, cry, or even say "I hate you" in response to discipline, but if discipline is delivered appropriately, children will recognize that their parents are setting limits for their children's own good. Children develop love and respect for parents over time through consistent parenting that appropriately balances love, understanding, patience, and discipline.

### Common Challenge #3: I Want My Child to Be Happy

Have you ever heard parents say, "I don't want to parent my children in the way I was parented"? This is usually an expression of regret about their own childhoods. Parents often hope to provide something different for their own children. It is wise to learn from our parents' mistakes, and it is important to work toward our own values, principles, and techniques as parents. It is not wise to think that happiness is the measure of good parenting. If parents work to always please their children, they

will likely find there is no possible way for their children to be happy all the time. For example, parents give a child the much desired video game, but there will always be another game or a newer gaming system their child "needs" to feel happy.

Take heart! When parents show true love and consistency and give their children time and energy, they will see frequent happiness. Parents must also remember that we live in a sinful world. Disappointment, regret, frustration, greed, and discontentment run rampant in the lives of children as well as adults. Instead of spending energy on trying to help their child avoid these negative aspects of our sinful world, parents better serve by setting limits and working toward teaching their child how to react and adjust to sadness, frustration, and disappointment.

### Common Challenge #4: The Lack of Parenting Tools

Most parents rely on their previous knowledge and experience to guide their discipline techniques. Or they default to parenting techniques they learned from their own childhoods. These approaches can be appropriate, but there are many parenting situations that present unique challenges, leaving parents scratching their heads and asking, "What do I do now?"

There are a few important things to remember in response to this parenting challenge. First, there is no miracle discipline technique that will wipe out all negative behavior. In fact, showing love and providing rewards for positive behavior is the most effective means to change behavior. Second, you are not alone! There are numerous parenting books, parent support groups, and therapeutic services designed to help parents through difficult times. Be patient with yourself, and embrace the reality that no parent is perfect. Take your time, learn as much as you can about parenting, and consider reaching for parenting help if things get too difficult.

Parenting is a difficult job with numerous challenges. The first step for parents is to identify and confront barriers that impede effective parenting and decision making. Then parents should work to understand their individual child and select parenting techniques that best suit the situation and their child. Finally, parents must trust their parenting decisions, stay consistent, and believe the Lord will support them in their endeavors. Parenting is certainly a challenge, but it is well worth the effort.

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