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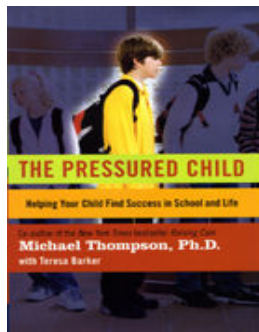
**7 pm CCHS Auditorium**



**Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D.**

## **"The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life"**

Michael Thompson is a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families. He is clinical consultant to The Belmont Hill School and has worked in more than five hundred schools across the US, Central America, Europe and Asia. He co-authored the New York Times best-selling book, **Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys**. He is the author of **Speaking of Boys: Answers to the Most-Asked Questions About Raising Sons**, and co-author of **Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Worlds of Children and Mom, They're Teasing Me: Helping Your Child Solve Social Problems**. **The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Achieve Success in School and in Life** was written to help parents understand the complex journey of children through school. His latest book, **It's a Boy!**, is a comprehensive guide for the parents of boys. A dedicated speaker, Michael Thompson has appeared on The Today Show, Oprah Winfrey, ABC 20/20, CBS 60 Minutes, The Early Show and Good Morning America.



**"The Pressured Child" is, in fact, a presentation for "pressured parents" who have forgotten what school is actually like. It is a talk for parents who are gripped by worries and misapprehensions about their children's life in school.**

**In the presentation, Dr. Thompson describes the psychological journey that children experience during their thirteen years in school.** He reminds parents that children are almost never judging themselves by grades: they are always monitoring their own development and constantly searching for three things: connection, recognition and a sense of power.

**There are three kinds of children in school:**

- those whose journeys are characterized mostly by success,
- those whose journeys are characterized by a chronic but manageable struggle, and
- those whose journeys are characterized by fury and despair.

Each journey has its own different pressures. Every child is constantly developing strategies for coping with the pressures that he or she feels.

**In this talk, he shares stories from the trenches, taking parents into the school day experience of children, illuminating how they manage their school careers and how the best educators and wisest parents can support them along the way.**

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