



September 14, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

The mission of the JR. RANCH Program is, **“To provide a balanced approach that teaches youths to connect the consequences of their actions to their behavior and the choices they make. It demands agency, student and parental accountability, reduces classroom disruptions, and affords youths the opportunity to learn how to make good decisions based on real information.”**

We are pleased to introduce the Jr. RANCH (Restoring and Nurturing Childhood Hope) Program at The Manor School. The Program is similar in many regards to Jr. ROTC. Some of our activities include:

- Military Forming
- Physical Fitness
- Flag Ceremonies
- Community Service
- Outdoor Activities such as hiking and camping
- Sports
- Group Skill Building
- Educational presentations

A Cadet's full participation in all activities is required. This includes after-school and special events. Parental cooperation is essential to Programs success. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) agree to participate fully in all requested activities. These are, but not limited to, individual or group meetings with Program staff, presentations by outside organizations, special events, and recognition ceremonies.

We intend to accept ten (10) seventh graders and eighth graders for the '09 – '10 academic year. We believe that the middle school years are a critical turning point for youth. For many youth, the transition of junior high school is a vulnerable time for students and sets the precedence for their future life. We want to catch the youth at this critical time and point him/her in the right direction, keeping them on the path to future success.

Cost: Uniform cost is \$320. Minimal additional charges may be incurred. An example might be an overnight camping fee to the Boy Scout camp and cost of food.

Interested families should contact Ms. Gadd for pre-approval. Interviews will then be scheduled for interested parents/students. Should you require additional information prior to the interview, contact us at ggabel@campmotivationvi.com.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Cuffy, Commandant

George C. Gabel, Administrator