

The Elmhurst Commission on Youth presents:

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

A presentation by Dr. Michael Thompson

Monday, September 28, 2015

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sandburg Middle School Auditorium  
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Admission is free, no registration required.

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.

"The Pressured Child" is a talk for parents of middle and high school students who are gripped by worries and misapprehensions about their children's life in school. Dr. Michael Thompson describes the psychological journey that kids 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.



Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D. is a consultant, author (including *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*), and psychologist specializing in children and families. He has worked in more than seven hundred schools across the United States and internationally.

