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# K.I.S.S. NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW WEEK!!!

Welcome to **Volume 5** of our newsletter! It's fantastic to have you on board. We saw many of you during our last programming session, and it's always a pleasure to reconnect. At The Sophia Project, we're committed to providing a supportive and enriching experience for all our girls. **We encourage each of you to take full advantage of the services and resources that TSP offers, as well as those we recommend.** Your child and well-being are our top priorities, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

A gentle reminder for those who have yet to complete their enrollment process: please be sure to submit all the required documents. **Effective immediately, only enrolled participants will be able to attend our programming.** This measure ensures that we can provide the best possible experience for all, and we appreciate your cooperation in this regard.



## ATTENTION



- **Submit all outstanding documents**



- **Sign up for tutoring through Washu**



- **A penalty fee applies for late pick-up, so please be punctual.**



- **Strict NO PHONE/ELECTRONICS policy**



**Please note: Only enrolled students can attend programming moving forward!**



## LAST WEEK AT K.I.S.S.

We're excited to share our recent collaboration with **BJC HealthCare**, aimed at broadening horizons and exploring post-secondary opportunities beyond traditional college pathways. While The Sophia Project (TSP) remains a strong advocate for higher education, we recognize that it may not align with everyone's aspirations.

To ensure that all our girls have access to sustainable career options, we've been actively introducing them to roles like Certified Nursing Assistants, Medical Technicians, Ultrasound Technicians, and Dental Hygienists. We believe that such opportunities can be the stepping stones to even greater prospects, and we encourage parents to motivate their daughters to explore and embrace these pathways.



We were fortunate to have **Terrie Hart**, Senior Manager at the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) within BJC HealthCare, lead this enlightening session. Terrie's attention to detail, informative slides, and comprehensive packet handouts were truly invaluable. Her expertise and dedication made the session engaging and informative, leaving our girls with a deeper understanding of the exciting opportunities available to them. We look forward to more opportunities like these in the future!



We look forward to welcoming all girls back to our programming on Friday, October 13th at 6:30 pm. **Here are some quick reminders:**

- Programming will be at the Delmar Divine on October 13th.
- All parents must come into the building to sign out their daughter.
- Kindly prioritize punctuality as we aim to start each session promptly.
- Check-in with staff for outstanding documents you might have.





# Announcement



We value the opportunity to provide enriching programming for your daughters here at TSP. Our mission goes beyond education; we aim to instill values such as social grace and knowing how to behave in various contexts, which we believe are paramount to their growth. To create a positive and productive learning environment, maintaining a standard of behavior is essential. **We kindly request that all parents and their daughters take a moment to review our behavior policy, which is highlighted on page 9 of our Parent Handbook.**

This policy outlines our expectations for behavior and the consequences for unruly conduct, as detailed on page 10 under "**Discipline Procedures.**" Please be assured that we take all violations seriously and handle them according to our guidelines. Your cooperation in reinforcing these expectations is greatly appreciated as we work together to provide the best experience for everyone.

## Community Event

We're excited to share a fantastic event with our TSP community! Exclusively open to middle school-aged girls, the **Pretty Empowered Summit** is an incredible opportunity. Join **I Define Me** on Saturday, October 14th, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as they partner with the YWCA Metro St. Louis and Ulta Beauty for this empowering event. Best of all, it's completely free! If interested, you can sign up using the link provided in the email. Don't miss out on this remarkable opportunity to empower our young girls.

**pretty EMPOWERED**

CAREER EXPLORATION | STEAM ACTIVITIES | HEALTH & BEAUTY

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

Phyllis Wheatley Heritage Center  
2711 Locust Street St. Louis, MO 63103

An event exclusively for middle school girls! Join professional women leaders and your peers for a day of empowerment, STEAM activities, music, fun & confidence building! Transportation, breakfast, and lunch provided.  
Casual attire requested.

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