

FOR PARENTS

Because it takes a cool parent to raise a GEEK.



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Come hear *Bringing Up GEEKS* author, Marybeth Hicks, speak on how to protect our kids' childhood in a grow-up-too-fast world.

Date:	Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Time:	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location:	All Saints Catholic Academy – McSherry Hall

Marybeth spoke at All Saints in 2011 but has updated her talk to address social media and will incorporate exercises for parents to get more engaged. So, if you attended last time she spoke at All Saints, know that she will present a new program.

What does it mean to be a GEEK?

Author Marybeth Hicks redefines what's cool for families and describes exactly what it takes to parent **Genuine, Enthusiastic, Empowered Kids**. Hicks' GEEKS aren't the stereotypical nerds of days gone by. They're well-behaved kids who enjoy solid friendships and active social lives. Yet from a cultural perspective, GEEKS are definitely not "cool." This is a direct result of parenting decisions that promote what Hicks calls the "GEEK lifestyle:" a family system in which innocence is protected, media is limited, pop culture is regulated, relationships are fostered, and spirituality is encouraged.

GEEKS focus on doing what it takes to be successful in life, not on popularity in childhood. In her innovative and accessible book, *The Washington Times* family columnist advises families to resist the influences of popular culture and the social pressure to conform to the expectations and behaviors of the "cool" crowd. Filled with common sense, humor and insight, *Bringing up Geeks* is launching a child-rearing movement that promotes innocence over exploitation, substance over style, and genuine self-esteem over superficial acceptance. *Bringing up Geeks* is the parenting book that proves it takes a cool parent to raise a geek.

MORE PRAISE for this book:

"Marybeth Hicks reminds us that it is more important to be our children's parents than it is to be their friends. Her book is a go-to guide when it's time to set limits on how much and what our children are exposed to in this world of celebrity, mass media and affluence." **Chris Hansen, Dateline NBC Correspondent Author, To Catch a Predator**

"Every so often a book comes along that I tell my friends they absolutely must read...This is the time for us to take back our children's childhoods, and in doing so to claim our roles as strong, protective parents." **Dr. Kimberly M. Thompson, Associate Professor and Director of the Kids Risk Project, Harvard School of Public Health**

About Marybeth Hicks

A frequent commentator on cultural issues, Marybeth has appeared on national television outlets including Fox News Channel's *Hannity* and *Fox and Friends*, the CBS Evening News, the Christian Broadcasting Network's *700 Club* and EWTN's *The World Over*, and on dozens of national and regional radio programs including those hosted by Sean Hannity, Dennis Miller, Laura Ingraham, Brian Kilmeade and others.

Marybeth and her husband Jim Hicks, a law professor, make their home in Michigan and are parents of four children.

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