

# GET CONNECTED TUESDAY ADVISEMENT ACTIVITIES

How will you connect with your Advisement today?

**Morning:** Scot will come on intercom 1st hour to read the movie trailer and a statement about the 'character clip; to be viewed in advisement.

**Advisement:** After Scot comes on intercom, please read trailer to students, and tell them the ConnecTrait the clip and discussion will cover.

**After Clip:** Go over discussion question. If students really get into discussion, use further discussion topics on Thursday. ☺

## Teacher Activities

**\*\*Dates are subject to change\*\***

**September 16th**

**Trailer:** Do you ever feel like you don't fit in? Try being a mutant! Feared and hated by the very people they protect and defend, the students of Charles Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters fight their evil counterparts as the X-Men, as they live and learn in the one place where they feel safe and respected.

**Clip:** X-Men

**ConnecTrait:** Respect

**Theme:** Fitting In

**Discussion Question:**

Why do people treat those who are different unkindly?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Have people ever looked down on you because of how you looked or acted?

\*Have you ever treated someone unkindly because of how they looked or acted?

\*You see someone you don't know being bullied by people who are bigger and stronger than you are. What do you do?

## September 30th

<b>Trailer:</b> Aliens have kidnapped all the parents in Jimmy Neutron's neighborhood. Without supervision, the kids go wild.	
<b>Clip:</b> Jimmy Neutron	
<b>ConnectTrait:</b> Responsibility	<b>Theme:</b> Self - Discipline
<b>Discussion Question:</b> How do you behave when you are without adult / parental supervision?	
<b>Further Discussion:</b> *When is goofing around okay? When isn't it okay? *You are with your friends and they are about to do something that your parents have expressly forbidden you to do. Your friends say your parents are too strict and that their own parents allow them to do things your parents don't allow. What do you do if you disagree with your friends? Who can you discuss this problem with?	

## October 14th

<b>Trailer:</b> When two New York City Port Authority police officers find themselves trapped in the rubble of September 11, 2001, both they and the people who love them must endure a horrible ordeal before they are finally found. The lessons they learn about life and hope and community will stay with them forever.	
<b>Clip:</b> World Trade Center	
<b>ConnectTrait:</b> Service	<b>Theme:</b> The Common Good
<b>Discussion Question:</b> What qualities define a good citizen?	
<b>Further Discussion:</b> *Should you expect something in return for helping someone else? Why or why not? *Your mom asks you to help your elderly neighbor rake the leaves in her front yard. You don't mind helping, and when you are finished she offers you \$20. You know she has barely enough money to pay her bills. Do you take the money? Do you tell her to keep it?	

## October 28th

**Trailer:** When a girl who has always been home-schooled suddenly enters a public high school, she learns that it can be pretty hard to fit in. So, when some popular girls invite her to join their clique, it seems like a great idea...or is it?

**Clip:** Mean Girls

**ConnecTrait:** Respect

**Theme:** Cliques as Bullies

**Discussion Question:**

What are the rules your friends expect you to follow?

**Further Discussion:**

\*What is a clique? How can a clique be harmful? How can cliques control you?

## November 11th

**Trailer:** This is a collection of clips from 110 films, all focusing on different aspects of the American identity.

**Clip:** *Spirit of America*

**ConnecTrait:** Respect/ Citizenship

**Theme:** Who Are We?

**Discussion Questions:**

What is the spirit of America?

**Further Discussion:**

\*How does your family's culture make up the spirit of America?

\*What can you do to inspire the spirit of your school and/ or country?

## December 2nd

**Trailer:** A kid from Harlem is recruited into a Southern university marching band. Thinking that he is the answer to all the band's problems does not score him any points with the band professor. Everyone needs a lesson in what it means to work as a team, and what it means to be responsible for one another.

**Clip:** *Drumline*

**ConnecTrait:** Responsibility

**Theme:** Responsibility for others

**Discussion Questions:**

What is the difference between helpful and harmful peer pressure?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Are we responsible for other's actions? Why or why not?

\*Think about a time you did or did not show responsibility for someone else. Do you wish you had acted differently?

## December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** He has moved to a new town and doesn't know anyone. He tries to join the neighborhood boys who play sandlot baseball, but he doesn't know how to play the game. He is an outcast before he is even given a chance. But he has one new friend, the team's best player and most popular kid, who chooses to stand up for this newcomer against the ridicule of the team.

**Clip:** *Sandlot*

**ConnecTrait:** Service

**Theme:** Including Others

**Discussion Questions:**

What do you do to make new kids feel welcome?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Could you care for someone you don't like? Have you ever been the "new kid" and tried to join a group? What were you feeling as you waited for the group to accept you?

\*A new student who joins your class grew up in a foreign country. The student speaks with an accent and does not fit in easily. Your friends make fun of the new student. What do you do?

## January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** Seabiscuit is a remarkable story about a remarkable horse, and the people whose lives intersect because of him. In this scene, Seabiscuit's future owner meets Seabiscuit's future trainer for the first time. The future owner of Seabiscuit learns a lot about the trainer's values in this simple, yet powerful scene.

**Clip:** *Seabiscuit*

**ConnecTrait:** Respect

**Theme:** Compassion

**Discussion Questions:**

Why are people's faults easier to notice than their good qualities?

**Further Discussion:**

\*"Every horse is good for something." How can we relate this movie quote about Seabiscuit to people?

\*Do you think your parents focus more on the things you do wrong than the things you do right? How about your teachers? Does encouragement or criticism help you do better? What makes a person worth something?

\*You are part of a group project to build a model house out of smooth sticks and small sheets of cardboard. One of the group members is smart in many ways, but is clumsy and messy when it comes to building things. How can you help this person become a valued member of the group?

## January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** This older brother did not want to move to a new school. He did not ask to be laughed at by the bullies at school. He is sick and tired of being on the receiving end of the taunting. What will keep him from making a very big mistake?

**Clip:** *Cheaper by the Dozen*

**ConnecTrait:** Respect

**Theme:** Intervention

**Discussion Questions:**

When is it better to walk away? When is it not?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Why do bullies say hurtful things or try to pick a fight? What are they afraid of?

## February 10<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** Shaw was an officer in the Federal Army during the American Civil War who volunteered to lead the first company of black soldiers. Shaw was forced to deal with the prejudices of both the enemy, and of his own fellow officers.

**Clip:** *Glory*

**ConnecTrait:** Respect / Diversity

**Theme:** Solidarity

**Discussion Questions:**

What would you have done as a soldier in this company? As the commander?

**Further Discussion:**

\*What unfair situation have you seen in your school, community and world?

\*What is a good way to handle a situation like this when it arises?

## February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** A young son makes a birthday wish that his father, a chronic liar, must tell the truth for twenty-four hours. Thanks to a bit of magic, his wish comes true. When his father arrives at work the next morning, he greets his fellow employees as usual, only this time he is brutally honest in his opinions of them. It does not take long before this liar-turned-truth-teller finds himself begging his son to take back the wish.

**Clip:** *Liar Liar*

**ConnecTrait:** Responsibility / Honesty

**Theme:** White Lies

**Discussion Questions:**

Are white lies okay? Why? Why not?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Have you ever told a lie to save someone you know from being hurt by the truth?

\*Can you think of a time when telling a white lie, can lead to more lies, or getting into more trouble?

## March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Trailer:** When superheroes are tossed aside by the people they help, they retire and go into hiding. Years later, the greatest hero is simply an out-of-shape husband and father with a boring job. But even without using superpowers, he still finds ways to help others...even when it could get him in big trouble.

**Clip:** The Incredibles

**ConnecTrait:** *Service*

**Theme:** The Price of Empathy

**Discussion Questions:**

What are the risks and rewards of empathy?

**Further Discussion:**

\*Has anyone ever taken a risk for you and, if so, how did you feel about that? Have you ever done this for someone else?

## March 31st

**Trailer:** This older brother did not want to move to a new city and a new school. He did not ask to be laughed at by the bullies at school. He is sick and tired of being on the receiving end of the taunting. What will keep him from making a very big mistake?

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**ConnecTrait:** **Respect**

**Theme:** **Intervention**

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**Further Discussion:**

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**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Trailer:** David is a computer hacker who has no problem using his online skills to change his grades. And he doesn't stop there: In order to impress his new girlfriend Jennifer, David decides to change her biology grade from an "F" to a "C." When Jennifer makes it clear she does not want to be involved in something this dangerous, David assures her that no one will ever know. But does that make it right?

**Clip:** *War Games*

**ConnecTrait:** Responsibility

**Theme:** Honesty

**Discussion Questions:** Would you change your grade if you knew you wouldn't get caught?

**Further Discussion:**

\*When does copying from the internet become cheating?

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Trailer:** He is loud. He is selfish. He is obnoxious. He started a band. This is one rocker who is about to get a rude awakening from his fellow band members.

**Clip:** *School of Rock*

**ConnecTrait:** Respect

**Theme:** Leaving Someone Behind

**Discussion Questions:** Do you think what happened here is okay? Why? Why not?

**Further Discussion:**

\*When is it wrong to leave someone out of a group? When is it right? If someone wants in, should you automatically include him or her?