**Respecting Others (Grade 9)**

**Activity I: Ethical Decision Making**

* Recognize when it’s an ethical issue
* Obtain the facts
* What are the relevant facts of the issue?
* What facts of the issue are unknown?
* What individuals and/or groups have stake in the outcome?
* Do some have a greater stake because they have a special need or because we have special obligations to them?
* What are all the possible ways to react to the issue?
* Which option would do the most good and the least harm?
* If some individuals don’t get what they want, will they still keep their rights and dignity?
* Which option is the most fair to all involved with the issue?
* Which option would help all participate more fully in the life we share as a family? as a community? as a society?

**Evaluate the following scenarios** (individually, with a partner, or as a group)

1. Charlie is facing a dilemma… Should he lie to his parents in order to receive an award he didn’t earn or should he tell them the truth and give up that reward?
   1. Go through and try to answer the “Decision Making” questions…
   2. Then, give Charlie some advice, supporting you’re your points.
   3. Are there any repercussions involved? If so, what are they?
   4. Discuss
2. Four of Meghan’s friends have created an offensive website that attacks other students and teachers. The principal wants to know who created the website, and Meghan is the only one who knows. Should she lie to her principal and betray her friends?
   1. Go through and try to answer the “Decision Making” questions…
   2. Then, give Meghan some advice, supporting you’re your points.
   3. Are there any repercussions involved? If so, what are they?
   4. Discuss
3. Osvaldo’s Chemistry teacher made a mistake on his midterm grade. The mistake his Chemistry teacher made works in Osvaldo’s favor. Should he point out the mistake to the teacher, or should he take the higher grade?
   1. Go through and try to answer the “Decision Making” questions…
   2. Then, give Meghan some advice, supporting you’re your points.
   3. Are there any repercussions involved? If so, what are they?
   4. Discuss

**How do ethical dilemmas relate to “respecting others”?**

**How do we show respect to other people?**