DAY OF SILENCE

By GSAFE

WHAT IS THE DAY OF SILENCE?

The Day of Silence is a day where one can be silent to respect LGBTQ+ people who are being silenced. On the Day of Silence we notice and respect the people who are silenced because of who they are. At Greene Street we recognize this day by starting with an opening assembly and at the end of the day we have a breaking of the silence.

WHY DO WE PARTICIPATE IN THE DAY OF SILENCE? (ABEL/ASHER)

We participate in the Day of Silence because it is a way to show support, validation, and recognition for members of the LGBTQ+ community that are silenced. Sometimes, because of discrimination, it can be hard or even unsafe for LGBTQ+ people to speak their truth.

Across the country, nearly 4 in 5 LGBTQ students don't see positive LGBTQ representation in their curriculum, nearly 8 in 10 experience verbal harassment, and almost a third miss school because they feel unsafe and uncomfortable. We are silent in solidarity with these students, and to advocate for all schools to respect and affirm LGBTQ+ students.

The Day of Silence is meant to show that LGBTQ+ people deserve to be free to be themselves.

HOW TO SIGN UP/PARTICIPATE:

(PHINE / AMANDA)

How to sign up:

- There will be a sign up sheet in each classroom.
- You should put your name and class on the sheet.

How to participate:

- You don't have to stay silent the whole day but at try to be silent least for one period.
- Don't annoy people who are silent by asking too many questions because they won't be able to respond.

HOW TO BE RESPECTFUL:

(HAZEL / JULES)

- Don't speak if you are participating.
- If you are not being silent, don't provoke people who are participating to speak.
- If you see someone who is participating speaking, gently remind them to not speak.
- Use integrity, and don't speak when no teachers/faculty are watching.