

Satanic Temple Club Spreads to Virginia, Outraged Parents Call for Prayer

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Parents in one Virginia community are outraged after a flyer advertising a new After-School Satan Club was sent home with students.

Organizers from The Satanic Temple and Reason Alliance will hold monthly meetings at B.M. Primary School in Chesapeake, Virginia starting Dec. 15.

As CBN News has reported, the club was created by the non-theistic religious organization Satanic Temple and began to gain national attention in 2016. According to their website, the group's sole purpose is to give students an alternative to Christian evangelical after-school clubs.

"The Satanic Temple does not advocate for religion in schools," the group claims on its website. "However, once religion invades schools, as the Good News Clubs have, the Satanic Temple will fight to ensure that plurality and true religious liberty are respected."

The flyer sent to Chesapeake students and parents says it sees "Satan as a literary figure who represents a metaphorical construct of rejecting tyranny and championing the human mind and spirit." It further claims, "After-school Satan does not attempt to convert children to any religious ideology."

But parents are not buying it.

"I'm no preacher or pastor, but I stand for God, and I can't and won't tolerate a city government/school board that takes it upon themselves to put a club in school to 'have fun with

Satan' for little primary school children," Stan Epps Jr. told CBN News.

Epps adds, "I will not be scared to stand up for the safety of our future generations and I will not be quiet because it may 'offend' people. I'm appalled."

Chesapeake Public Schools (CPS) told CBN News in an email statement that the club "is not a School District-approved club, and no District employee is acting as a club sponsor."

Many parents see the club's efforts to advertise to young children with a cartoon image of the devil as a sign of a bigger "spiritual battle."

"It's bad enough that we took God out, but we are not letting Satan on little ones," said Annie, who heads up a children's advocacy group, Unmask Virginia Beach. "We have fought so hard for these children in everything that has been going on in the last two years... This is the last straw."

She continued, "I am calling every patriot, every Christian, every church to come out on Dec. 15 at 2 o'clock... We are going to pray and we are going to intercede because this is a spiritual battle at this point. We are going to intercede and God always wins! We are going to win and Satan is going to lose."

The prayer meeting will be organized on behalf of Chesapeake Parents for Freedom and Unmask Virginia Beach.

"Jesus loves these Satanists, but they are deceived," she added. "Get involved. This is where I stand in the gap and say no!"

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