



As part of our **Parent Wellness Initiative**, we are happy to introduce the monthly *Parent Speaker Series* at STEPS Academy. Each month we will invite parents from the community to share their experiences in growing with their child with ASD.

This month's talk will be on:

“My Son Has Autism and Now Works at Google”

By John Smatana

John, better known as “Johnny,” graduated from the University of Miami (Class of 83') as a Finance major. He was a member of the 1983 National Championship Miami Hurricanes, worked in the transportation field (International Air and Ocean Freight) for 24 years before leaving to start his own Cleveland-based company called “Johnnyville Woods.” He has raised 5 kids: Four boys and a girl. Amongst his children, two graduated from Ohio State University, one from Johns Hopkins University, and one from Wake Forest University.

Johnny's son with Autism, who is now 25 years old, graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and went on to work at Google. Johnny's talk will be about his family's experience in raising a son with special needs, who not only graduated from High School two years early, but went ahead to college and independent living.

When: Wednesday, November 11, 2015

6.15 PM

Where: STEPS Academy

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Parma, OH, 44134

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(Free parking will be available. This is a free event open to all interested in the community)