



Dear Parents:

If you now have, or soon will have a teenage driver in your home, this announcement is sure to be of interest.

Every year, we hear of at least one horrific automobile crash that takes the lives of young drivers because someone chose to drive distracted or while under the influence of an illicit substance. Beacon High School and the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County have joined together in an effort to prevent these tragedies that needlessly take the lives of our children.

On the evening of **Thursday, April 4, 2019** Beacon High School and the Council will host the program, *“Teen Driving-A Family Affair,”* for students and their families. This is a **MANDATORY program for students who are applying for school parking permits, and parents/guardians who play such a crucial role in their teen’s safe driving.** Please plan to arrive by **6:30 for registration**, so that we can begin the program promptly at 7:00.

During this program, people who have been victims of drunk/drugged or distracted driving incidents, whose lives have been forever changed by someone’s reckless decision, will share their compelling stories to reinforce every warning you’ve ever given, every message issued by teachers, and every public service announcement seen on television.

Parents and students will hear four perspectives; legal, medical, insurance and victim; that will serve to inform and illustrate the importance of responsible choices and decision making.

If you want your child to be able to drive to school, **you and your student driver NEED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.** If you cannot attend the date scheduled, you may attend at any of the other schools. You will find a schedule of the dates attached to this letter. (We ask that you not bring any child under the age of 12 years old to this event, as the subject matter is inappropriate for a younger age group).

****Please note: The following dates are confirmed and cannot be changed due to the schedules of the volunteer speakers****

**INFORMATION REGARDING ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TO YOUR
SCHOOL'S "TEEN DRIVING: A FAMILY AFFAIR"**

If you have scheduling conflicts regarding attendance to the parking permit program, "*Teen Driving – A Family Affair*," at your home school, you may attend the program at another school. Please be advised that **both the teen driver and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) MUST attend in order for the student to receive their certificate.**

There is no need to pre-register, you will register that night at 6:30 p.m.
(6:15 p.m. at Arlington, John Jay and Roy C. Ketcham)

**The schedule for the "TEEN DRIVING – A FAMILY AFFAIR"
program for 2019 is as follows:**

Arlington A-L: March 20, 2019

Pine Plains: March 21, 2019

Arlington M-Z: March, 25, 2019

Millbrook: March 27, 2019

Pawling: March 28, 2019

Red Hook: April 3, 2019

Beacon: April 4, 2019

R. C. Ketcham: April 9, 2019

Webutuck: April 10, 2019

Rhinebeck: April 23, 2019

Spackenkill: April 24, 2019

Hyde Park: May 2, 2019

John Jay: May 8, 2019

Dover: May 14, 2018

Any questions regarding these events can be directed to:

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Best regards,

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