

Advisory Lesson  
Tuesday April 18, 2006  
Asset: Constructive Use of Time

*Today's advisory lesson is tiered for 9/10<sup>th</sup> graders and 11/12<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Please follow the correct lesson for your advisory grade level.  
The following advisory lessons were created by the student members of  
Students Helping Other People (S.H.O.P.) Club Advisory.*

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Advisories:**

Please turn your televisions to channel 37 as your advisory will be viewing a DVD about alcohol and drug use. This program will last approximately 20 minutes. At the conclusion of the program please discuss the following questions with your advisees.

- How does the use of drugs/alcohol negatively affect people's lives?
- What do the speakers suggest young people do with their time instead of using illegal substances?
- What have you done to find your passion/talents?
- What kinds of activities do you (or can you) participate in after-school and/or on the weekends that prevent you from turning to illegal substances?
- At the end of the video it states "Bottom Line: There is no excuse." What does this statement mean to you?

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisories**

The Prom season is just around the corner and students need to be aware of the dangers of drinking (and driving) during these activities. Recently there were two fatal accidents in Howard County that involved teen drivers . Please read one (or both) of the following news reports to your advisory **SEE ATTACHED**. At the end of the reading, please discuss the following questions:

- What negative effects can driving under the influence have on your life?
- Have you known anyone that was involved in a drug/alcohol related accident?
- What do you think caused those people to drive while under the influence?
- How do you think the family members of those students felt finding out that illegal substances may have been a factor in causing the accidents?
- What activities are offered after Prom that **do not** include illegal substances?
- When you buy your tickets to prom, the S.H.O.P. club advisory members will have a table with "Prom Promise" cards and information. Do you know about "Prom Promise"?
- Why is it important to stay drug/alcohol free especially during Prom season?

*The following are from the Howard County Times Newspaper online.*

***Fatal crashes involving teens spur policy  
03/30/06 By Luke Broadwater***

Concerned by the number of fatal vehicle accidents involving teenagers in Howard County, Police Chief Wayne Livesay this week announced a policy designed to curb accidents. The policy requires officers to notify parents following a traffic stop involving a juvenile using a provisional driver's license. Officers also will contact parents if a juvenile with a provisional license is at fault in a vehicle collision. The policy takes effect April 17. Police pointed to statistics that show nearly one-third of Howard County's 21 fatal crashes in 2005 involved drivers between the ages of 16 and 20. Eighty percent of those deadly crashes involved speeding, police said. "Parental involvement is critical in addressing inexperienced or inappropriate driving among young people," Livesay said in a March 28 statement announcing the policy. "We hope parents will help us encourage safer driving behavior to reduce speeding and collisions in young drivers." Quick parental contact Under the policy, an officer who stops a juvenile using a provisional license will attempt to contact the driver's parent or guardian by phone. If the officer does not reach a parent by phone, police will mail a letter to the driver's home, addressed to the parents, within a day. The letters will include the date, time, nature and location of the incident, the type of enforcement action taken, the vehicle being driven and the number of passengers in the car. "This new policy is part of the chief's ongoing effort to address teen driver safety," police spokeswoman Sherry Llewellyn said. "Certainly, recent tragic events have further reinforced the need for this type of awareness and education." Livesay is an announced Republican candidate for County Council in District 5, which encompasses the west county. Four Howard County teenagers have died in 2006 from automobile crashes. The most recent was Dessalines Jean Jacques, 17, of Columbia, who died March 25 as the result of an automobile accident in Columbia. Police are investigating the cause of the crash. In 2005, police began a partnership with county schools to launch a driver-safety course for high schools students, an initiative that requires students who want a school parking permit to take the training class with a parent. Police also have launched a safety initiative aimed