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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School supports the practice of integrating student experiences that enhance student learning as described by the Program of Studies and as aligned with our Elk Island Catholic School Division mission statement. As follows, your teen will soon be attending an **IN-SCHOOL 'Field-Trip'** called the **P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk related Trauma in Youth)** beginning Tuesday, October 24th & ending Wednesday, October 25th as presented by the Misericordia Community Hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program Staff and Volunteers.



Throughout the delivery of the program, student will meet a member of the **Edmonton Police Service** as well as an **injury survivor**, who shares their experiences with the students. They will be using a variety of methods to get the point of injury reduction across to the student, including discussion, interactive activities, videos and real life stories about choices made and the consequences that resulted. It promises to be a powerful and informative morning. **Please encourage your teen to eat breakfast the day they attend P.A.R.T.Y.** This is "Reality-Education", and scenarios presented and discussed can be upsetting to some. Having a breakfast on board decreases the likelihood of students feeling unwell.

I have included the program agenda and times on the reverse of this sheet so that you and your teen are aware of what topics will be presented and discussed ahead of time given the subject area can be perceived as sensitive. The Program is designed to be reality-education based and conveys the consequences of injury to assist students to make informed decisions to prevent injury. To give you or your teen an idea of what to expect, you can watch a YouTube video called 'A Look Inside the P.A.R.T.Y. Program'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ7j8Rt8PnQ>

There is no cost associated with this year's P.A.R.T.Y. Program delivery but consent is encouraged. Please sign and return the form below by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Sincerely,
Mrs. N. Diógenes

I authorize _____ to attend the P.A.R.T.Y. Program on October 24-25, 2017.

(Full name of student)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print name of Parent/Guardian

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO BLOCK 1, DAY 1 TEACHER NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.

P.A.R.T. Y. Program Edmonton

In-School Field Trip – Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

8:40am **Students and teachers/chaperones arrive** in the gym. Adults will sit with students in reserved seating.

8:40-9:50am **A “Reality-Education” presentation** led by a Trauma Nurse, using multi-media to share stories and inform students about the reality of the consequences of not making SMART Choices. Part of this is to understand what some of the negative outcomes can look like. The P.A.R.T.Y. Program ‘6 SMART Choices’ are introduced and reinforced throughout the program.

The presentation addresses speeding, seatbelt use, airbags and pedestrian safety.

9:50-10:15am **A Demonstration of a Trauma Resuscitation** as occurs in Emergency Rooms, facilitated by an experienced Emergency Room Nurse.

10:15-10:22am **Break** Students are encouraged to have a snack as the morning extends into the lunch hour.

10:22-11:00am **Student Activity:** Students ‘walk the white line’ as a ‘sobriety test’ wearing Fatal Vision Goggles (often referred to as ‘drunk goggles’). All students have an opportunity to take part.

11:10-11:45 **The Injury Survivor presentation** is often described as the most profound experience of the day. Students hear it straight from people who’ve been permanently injured about choices that resulted in them becoming disabled, see them as they cope with those permanent injuries, and as questions about how they manage on a day to day basis.

11:45-12:00pm **Close**, including review of the 6 SMART Choices, requests for student to plan a project to share their learning with Grades 7 & 8, and to complete a ‘Contract for Life’ to ensure they always have a safe ride home.



"I know in whom I place my trust" 2 Tim 1:12