

Dear Parents:

Statistics clearly indicate that young adults between the ages of 15 and 24 are involved in more car collisions than any other age group. The program Stay Alive AZ was created as a result of this startling information. If a young adult reaches the age of 25, the probability of being involved in a car collision significantly decreases. The program is designed to help teenagers make wise decisions in the early driving years.

Stay Alive AZ is made up of concerned parents, compassionate teachers, and knowledgeable professionals that have come together to prevent the **#1 killer of teens – vehicle collisions**. It is Horizon High School's plan to provide this program to the student body through live video presentations, discussions and student activities throughout the school year.

The schedule for the Stay Alive AZ mini series program is the following:

September 9 th	Parent Overview of Program (6:00-7:00 p.m--HHS Auditorium)
September 14 th	Opening Week Campus Display
September 23 rd	Tragedy and Hope Documentary Students will learn about how the choices they make can affect the lives of innocent families. The video may be graphic to some, showing the devastating consequences of underage drinking.
October 7 th	Behind the Scenes of a Fatal Collision <i>Presented by the Scottsdale Police Department</i> Students will learn what happens at the scene of a fatality.
October 28 th	Trauma Nurses Talk Tough <i>Presented by Scottsdale Healthcare</i> Students will learn the reality of sustaining lifelong head or spinal cord injury. This episode will also include personal stories of loss.
November 18 th	Alcohol & Drug Awareness/Driving Impaired <i>Presented by Community Bridges</i> Students will learn about the different drugs/alcohol, their effects on the brain and body and the dangers of operating a vehicle under the influence.
January 20 th	Legal Ramifications <i>Presented by Bustamante & Kuffner</i> Students will learn about the laws in our state related to being caught under the influence.
February 3 rd	Distracted Driving <i>Presented by AAA Arizona</i>
February 24 th	Defensive Driving <i>Presented by "To Be Announced"</i>

Parents play a critical role in the on-going education of our students. It will be important for you to discuss the content of the mini series with your teenager. Ask them about what they learned and how they feel about the messages being conveyed. As you well know, teens often see themselves as invincible and have the tendency to think, "It won't happen to me." The state of Arizona ranks among the top ten states losing teenagers to fatal car collisions in the country.

We need to stop this devastating trend and we believe through a strong partnership with students, parents, school and community, we can save lives.

We hope you plan to join us on **September 9th at 6:00 p.m.** in the auditorium for an overview of Stay Alive AZ. If you would like to view the rest of series, you are welcome to join us in the auditorium on each of the dates. Times will be announced soon.

Sincerely,

Dan Courson, Ph.D.