



Dear Parents of Arlington High School Juniors,

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Please read this letter in its entirety. 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 under the influence of an illicit substance. To prevent these tragedies, CAPE and Dutchess County Stop DWI have partnered with local high schools to host the program, *"Teen Driving-A Family Affair"*. This is a **MANDATORY** program for juniors who are applying for a parking permit to park on school campus (school year 2024-2025), and parents/guardians who play such a crucial role in their teen's safe driving.

If you wish for your child to be able to drive to school and park on the school campus, you and your student driver **MUST** attend the program at Arlington High School on April 18 (students last name A-L) or April 23 (students last name M-Z). The program is 7:00pm-8:00pm, please plan to arrive at 6:30pm for registration. Program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the large number of attendees, if you are unable to attend your school's scheduled event, you must wait until fall for a makeup session. All students will be given the opportunity to attend a makeup session in September and again in November. Dates for makeup sessions will be announced at a later date.

Please note that all students must be accompanied by students parent/guardian. No student shall be permitted to enter the program without their parent/guardian present. No exceptions. During this program, parents and students will hear four different perspectives; legal, medical, insurance and victim; this will serve to inform and illustrate the importance of responsible choices and decision-making when it comes to driving. Due to the sensitive nature of the information, and the comfort of our guest speakers, children under the age of 12 will not be permitted.

Please direct all your questions to your school's main office.

Best regards,

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