

August 1, 2009

Dear Providence Parents:

We, the Administration, Faculty, and Staff of Providence Catholic are very concerned about the use of alcohol and other drugs by our teenagers. We believe that the school and you, the parents, must work together to watch over and protect our teenagers with regard to these particular issues. We invite you to cooperate with us in working against the use of alcohol and drugs by teenagers. During the school year we will provide you with two booklets which give information on teenage use of alcohol and other drugs, on hosting a party for teenagers, on the State laws which apply to curfew and under age drinking, and on Providence school policies about alcohol and other drug use.

A few years ago, Providence established a highly active Student Assistance Program. The SAP is an organization of teachers, administrators, and staff members who have been trained to recognize the symptoms of alcohol and other drug use by students. This group will intervene in the lives of students who are at risk before problems develop. The SAP is not a disciplinary group, but rather a group of concerned adults who care about our individual students and the negative effects they may suffer from the use of alcohol and other drugs.

The faculty and administration enforce and practice a policy that no adult connected with Providence will use alcohol at any school sponsored event held as a student activity. In this way we adults demonstrate that the achievements of our students are our primary focus, and that a celebration does not necessarily call for the use of alcohol. Please join us in abstaining from alcohol during occasions when our children are the primary focus.

We believe that parents must network with each other to help students avoid these negative situations. In order to do this we are once again asking you to participate in and support the Parent's Drug Free Directory. This directory will include addresses and phone numbers of those families who voluntarily agree to inclusion. By having your name listed in this directory you are agreeing not to allow the consumption of alcohol and/or other drugs by adolescents when you are hosting a party for them on your property or premises. Thus you are making a pledge to promote drug free and non-alcohol celebrations at parties or gatherings that involve teenagers. If you would like your address and phone number listed in the directory to be used only by Providence families, please complete the accompanying form and return it to the Main Office. May I suggest that you include it with your tuition payment. I would appreciate a response by September 15th, 2009 (**absolute deadline**) so that we may begin work on the directory as soon as possible.

A major component of the education provided at Providence Catholic focuses on values. All of us must work together to set an example for the appropriate use of alcohol by young people. We thank you for your attention to this matter. May God continue to bless us in our efforts to raise our children in a safe and healthy manner.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald E. Sebestyen
Principal

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_____ Yes, I would like my name, telephone number listed in the directory. I will not host a party or gathering where teenagers use alcohol and/or other drugs.

PLEASE PRINT:

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name(s) & Class _____
('10, '11, '12, '13)

Address _____

Telephone Number (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____