

PROJECT IGNITION NEWSLETTER: TEACHERS NOTES: 2



Teens in Action is in need of your assistance with our Teen Driving Safety Program—Project Ignition. During the past two years, the students have been involved in planning a

variety of activities to stress the importance of Driving Safety. In the review of last year's comments, we were asked to strengthen the integration of Driving Safety and Healthy Decision making in the Curriculum. The Week of October 14-20 is NATIONAL TEEN DRIVING SAFETY WEEK! It would be a great time for you to add a section that relates to the topic to your lesson plans. (EXAMPLES: the physics of an auto crash, What chemical reaction takes place when you drink and how does it effect the body, What are the ethical issues with not following driving laws, a written article on teen driving safety statistics, creating a song or piece of music or dance that depicts the importance of Driving safety and not being distracted, the historical and cultural issues around driving, creating a bilingual resource on driving safety.) The students need a great deal of support from you as faculty and staff.

If you have some time please consider helping with one of the activities listed below. We are also looking for an assistant advisor---Please see Mrs. Pezzuto or Mrs. Wockley if you are interested.

For 2007 our Activities include

1. Recreating their DISTRACTIONS Play with more music, dance, drama, and a strong message—they will do this in ENGLISH, SPANISH, FRENCH and AMERICAN SIGN. Help is needed from Language Teachers, Fine Arts Teachers and anyone else who is willing to help them.

2. Creating a Journalism Piece – Newsletter Bi-weekly with articles and information on Teen Driving Safety. Students in Journalism, creative writing, and composition course are invited to submit articles. My Mailbox is in Marybeth Baumgartner's office. The paper will be a 2-page edition.

3. Hosting a regional Driving Safety Forum for Teen leaders in schools in the Metro Area in Mid November—
4. Hosting a SAFE-TEA for Children on the issues of being Safe and making good decisions
5. Hosting a Bike Rodeo for Children to teach Road Rules
6. Updating and maintaining the www.teenroadskill.org website
7. Providing information to teachers on Service Learning and encouraging Teachers to Conduct Teen Driving Safety or Responsible Decision making topics in their classes during October 2007. (See Attached Document on Service Learning with outcomes)
8. Conducting a survey of Student Driving Attitudes during the First week of October.
9. Creating written and video documents on safety and responsible decision making in a variety of languages.
10. Community Safety with the Fire Department—a Crash Reenactment and Participation in a TEEN Citizens Emergency Response Program—CERT.
11. Planning and Implementing a Regional Teen Driving Safety Forum on April 26, 2008. This will be an event that engages students, faculty, community leaders and others to address issues of Driving Safety.

