

Media Advisory For October 23, 2009 At Calhoun High School

High school students use vision goggles and pedal karts to simulate impaired/distracted driving.

Oct. 22, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- Who: Wendy Tepfer, Executive Director, Community Parent Center; Mr. Saul Lerner, Director, Physical Education, Health, Athletics and Driver Education, Bellmore-Merrick High School District; David Seinfeld, Principal, Calhoun High School; students and teachers from Calhoun High School; representatives from the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board

What: The Community Parent Center, the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District and the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board will host a teen driving event for students at Calhoun High School that demonstrates the dangers of impaired and distracted driving. Using non-motorized Pedal Karts, students will safely drive a simulated course “sober,” then “impaired” while wearing Impairment Goggles. Wearing the goggles, students begin to experience the simulated effects that alcohol consumption has on their body. Students will learn how to recognize and reduce accidents from distractions like texting, cell phone use, loud radio and goofing around with friends. Car crashes are the leading cause of injury and death for American teens. Alcohol related crashes kill more people between the ages of 16 to 20 than any other age group. More than 40,000 people are killed in vehicle crashes each year, with half of those because of distracted drivers.

When: FRIDAY, October 23, 2009
12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Calhoun High School
1786 State Street, Merrick NY

Visuals: Driving exhibition using safe, non motorized Pedal Karts to simulate the effects of impaired and distracted driving. Students will test their skills. “Grim Reaper Day” at Calhoun High School to be incorporated into the Parent Center’s impaired and distracted driving demonstrations. “Jaws of Life” demonstration for students.

Directions: From the East: Take Sunrise Highway (Route 27). Make a right on Merrick Avenue. After 0.7 mile, turn left at Horatio Avenue. Go half a mile, then turn left at State Street. The school is less than 50 feet down the road.

From the West: Sunrise Highway to Meadowbrook State Parkway North. Take Exit M7E for Babylon Turnpike. Keep right at the fork to continue toward Babylon Turnpike and merge toward Babylon Turnpike. Go 0.2 mile then turn left at Meadowbrook Road. After half a mile, turn right at Bushwick Avenue, then turn left at State Street. School is 200 feet down the road.

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Established in 1988, the Community Parent Center is Bellmore-Merrick’s resource center for quality parent and community education programs addressing substance and alcohol abuse prevention, bullying/ harassment and youth violence prevention, and safe teen driving. Focusing on parenting issues and family wellness, the Center is committed to working with local parent and community organizations to bring parents information, resources and the opportunity to be part of a supportive parent network. For more information about the Parent Center and their programs, contact 516-771-9346 or visit www.communityparentcenter.org.

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