

SADD is RADD

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS

The official newsletter of Oneida County High School SADD Chapters

A MESSAGE FROM Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr.

Dear Students:

It can be easy to look at our society and wonder how one person can make a difference. You are already doing that and taking a crucial step in securing the safety of others and making a positive impact on your community through your decision to take part in the Students Against Destructive Decisions program. From its roots to help young people avoid ruining their lives and the lives of others through misuse of alcohol, SADD has expanded to become a peer leadership group dedicated to preventing all destructive decisions, such as underage drinking, drug use, impaired driving, teen violence, and teen depression, amongst others.

Many destructive decisions could be prevented if students, or adults for that matter, fully understood the negative consequences that could result from these actions. By making the decision to become a member of this peer leadership group you have shown that you have the maturity to realize the profound impact these actions could have on not only one person, but family and friends as well. You have taken the first step, and I encourage you to become actively involved and to encourage your friends to do so as well.

I also want to extend my appreciation to the advisors of this organization, who provide invaluable leadership to SADD. With their help, we try to provide the best prevention and intervention tools possible. I believe every student has great dreams inside him or her waiting for come to life, and programs such as SADD helps those ideas flourish by raising awareness among our youth of the effects that these destructive behaviors could have.

Once again, I congratulate you on your decision to join SADD. I think you will find the program rewarding and insightful, and will provide you the knowledge to not only make the right decision yourself, but also help your peers to do the same.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Picente Jr.
Oneida County Executive

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2011, 3092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. ***DO NOT TEXT WHILE DRIVING!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual **STOP DWI Teen Traffic Safety Education Program** is scheduled for April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and May 1 2013. The program features , the State Police convincer roll over, Insight House, The STOP DWI displays and many other invaluable educational lessons. **Call to reserve your schools date, today!**

The STOP DWI department in conjunction with the Oneida County Youth Bureau presents its second annual **STOP DWI Baseball Classic at Delutis field, in Rome, NY.** April 26th and 27th . The matchups are as follows: Friday April 26th 4:30 **VVS vs. Clinton**, 7:00 **Proctor vs. New Hartford**, Saturday April 27th 11:00 **RFA vs. Whitesboro**, 2:00 **Holland Patent vs. Westmoreland** and 5:00 **New York Mills vs. Oriskany. C'mon out to the ball park!**

SADD HISTORY

For 30 years, **SADD** has been committed to empowering young people to lead education and prevention initiatives in their schools and communities. Founded as Students Against Driving Drunk in 1981 in Wayland, Massachusetts, SADD has grown to become the nation's dominant peer-to- peer youth education and prevention organization with thousands of chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. In 1997, in response to requests from SADD students themselves, **SADD** expanded its mission and name and now sponsors chapters called **STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS.** **SADD** continues to endorse a firm "NO USE" message related to the use of alcohol and other drugs. With its expanded focus, **SADD** now highlights prevention of all destructive behaviors and attitudes that are harmful to young people, including underage drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, violence, and suicide.

DISTRACTED DRIVING KILLS!



Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety....

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent— at 55 mph of driving the length of an entire football field, **blind!**

Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted.

The under- 20 age has the **highest** percentage of distracted drivers!

DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE.....IT CAN KILL!

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HAVE IDEAS

Do you have IDEAS or want something included in upcoming newsletters? If so, contact Tom Giruzzi, at the STOP DWI office 736-8945 or tgiruzzi@ocgov.net.

SADD HAPP'NINGS

SADD HAPP'NINGS will highlight all the great things that our local SADD Chapters are doing to spread the importance of making positive choices. (SADD HAPP'NINGS was a newsletter name submitted by the Clinton Middle School SADD Chapter—thanks Clinton).

Oneida County currently has 8 schools with active SADD chapters:

Camden Central High School

Advisor: Richard Meyers

Officers: President , John Marnell; Vice President, Michaela Soules; Secretary, Madi Kirch; Treasurer, Cailan Conley

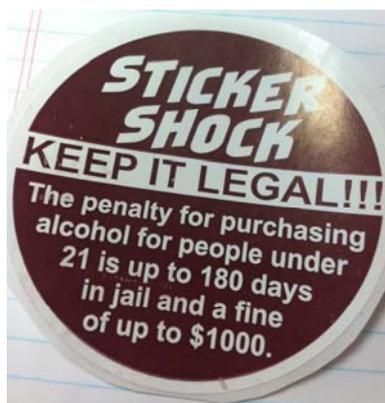
Under the excellent leadership of advisor Richard Meyers the Camden SADD chapter continues to be proactive in spreading positive messages to the student body. The Camden SADD chapter decorated a Parade float which was parked at the entrance of the football game and they continue doing their safety posters, which were on display throughout Christmas and will be again during the spring. The group has just put finishing touches on a Mock crash that will be demonstrated for the Camden student body on May 1. Keep up the good work Camden, you are doing a terrific job!

Oriskany High School

Advisor: Erin Breheny

Officers: President, Brandi Zizzi; Vice President, Madison Zizzi; Secretary, Taylor Watson; Treasurer, Sara Murphy

The Oriskany SADD chapter under the continued leadership of Erin Breheny continues to terrific things, while spreading a positive message to its peers. Erin and her kids have continued what they began last year and have successfully completed a sticker-shock campaign. SADD members went to the Village Food Market in Oriskany and the Rome Price Chopper and placed stickers that read, “**keep it legal**” on most alcoholic beverages. The sticker reminded shoppers that the penalty for purchasing alcohol for anyone under the age of 21 is up to 180 days in jail and a fine up to \$1,000.00. The aisles were covered with stickers. The Oriskany SADD chapter continues to work with The Center for Family Life and Recovery, most recently having conducted a student survey on underage drinking, with the hopes of a report out of data to the community. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ORISKANY.**



Clinton Middle School

Advisor (s) Mary Beth King & Andrea Hogan

Officers: President, Ashton Lowenstein; Vice– President, Carly Dennison; Secretary, Meg Hughes; Treasurer, Hannah Shankman

Mary Beth King continues her awesome leadership of the Clinton Middle School SADD chapter and now has some help with the addition of Andrea Hogan. The Clinton “kids” continue to do great things as they supported the “purple pinkie” campaign to end domestic violence. They raised \$100.00 for the YWCA Domestic Violence program. They also held a make a difference day, spreading the message to their peers of how important they are to one another. Students showed one another that they care about one another. Keep up the good work Clinton, you continue to make a positive difference.

V.V.S. High School

Advisor: Cheryl Houle

The VVS SADD chapter has been very busy, spreading positive messages. Special projects include a bake sale and lollipop sale to benefit smoking cessation week. The group is also focusing in on a pledge signing to end drunk driving in our community. The SADD chapter is also looking forward to its involvement in the upcoming TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM, which will be coming to VVS High School on April 29th.

Whitesboro High School:

Advisor: Jennifer Delay

Officers: President, Emily Sowers; Vice President, Cheyanne Hawkins-Hill ; Treasurer, Sarah Pasquarelli; Secretary, Alyssa Kirley; Public Relations, Emily Gray

As of print the Whitesboro SADD group under the guidance of Jennifer Delay will have their annual prom/ball fashion show. This is an annual event that has become very popular with the student body and community. The proceeds benefit a local charity and senior scholarships for the class of 2013,. Five scholarships were awarded to 2012 graduates which were proceeds derived from last years fashion show. The Whitesboro SADD group has also taken on the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children, as one of its mission, helping to fold flyers, several times throughout the year. The groups annual Cane Gram was also a success has candy cane a grams were delivered to students, supporting a safe, sober holiday. Great work, Whitesboro!

Westmoreland High School:

Advisor: Marcy Thompson

Officers: President; Allison Leone, Vice President; Marina DeAngelo, Secretary; Ale Dee, Treasurer; Jamie Oaks

Under the direction of Marcy Thompson the Westmoreland SADD group continues to make a difference within its school community. A seatbelt safety campaign has been completed as was a “knock out bullying” campaign during the month of October. Other positive events are being planned, as well, as the SADD group at Westmoreland strives to make a difference within its school community. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, EVERYONE!**