



May 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write to invite you to the upcoming 9th grade student and parent discussion night on **Wednesday, June 1, from 6:30-9:30pm**, in the cafeteria at Minnie Howard. This will be a good opportunity to get to know other students and parents.

Labeled Community of Concern’s “Conversations That Count,” the evening will be one of dialogue and education relating to underage drinking prevention. The program will include a presentation about the science of the effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain. After the presentation, there will be guided conversations at the tables. Parents and students will be at each table; families are asked to sit separately.

Attendance and participation by both students and parents is essential to the success of this event. The Minnie Howard administrative staff and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) urge each family to send your son or daughter and one parent to the meeting. We believe that this is an important opportunity to learn about a topic that can profoundly affect your teen’s life. It may be the most important evening you spend with your child this year.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and the program will start at 7:00pm. Students will receive extra credit. Gift cards to Best Buy, iTunes, and Chipotle will be raffled.

Delaying first use of alcohol has proven positive results for the safety, health, and academic success of teens. We look forward to seeing you on June 1. If you have questions about the evening, please feel free to contact Karen White at [karentwhite@yahoo.com](mailto:karentwhite@yahoo.com) or 703-629-2016. Please cut off and return the portion below to respond.

Sincerely,

TC Principal                      Minnie Howard Executive Associate Principal                      TC PTSA President

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\_\_\_\_ Yes, we will attend: (Due to space limitations, only one adult per child can be accommodated)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation?    Yes            No    (please circle one)

If you need an interpreter, please list the language you speak: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need babysitting for siblings?    \_\_\_\_ Number of children and ages \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your child return this form to their teacher; email your reservation to Karen at [karentwhite@yahoo.com](mailto:karentwhite@yahoo.com); or drop off this form at the main office.**