



Dear Parents and Guardians,

January 9, 2026

Please read this letter in its entirety.

The Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE), in partnership with the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office and Dutchess County STOP-DWI, is collaborating with Dutchess County high schools to present *Teen Driving: A Family Affair*. This mandatory program is required for students applying for a parking permit for the 2026–2027 school year and their parent or guardian.

Attendance by both the student driver and parent/guardian is required for students who wish to drive to school and park on campus. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 8:00 p.m.

During the presentation, families will hear four perspectives—legal, medical, insurance, and victim impact—designed to reinforce the importance of safe, responsible driving decisions.

Attendance will be recorded via QR code check-in and check-out. Students who are unable to attend their school's scheduled session may attend a neighboring school's program, with the exception of Our Lady of Lourdes which will only be open to current Our Lady of Lourdes students.

**For questions or additional information, please contact your school's main office.**

Best regards,

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