

Saint John's Catholic Prep – Parent Pledge

Dear SJCP Parents,

While it can occur at anytime and anywhere, underage drinking and drug use continues to be a very real and serious problem with today's youth. In addition to the obvious dangers of driving after drinking or riding with a drinking driver, many teens who drink alcohol also find themselves in situations involving other risky behaviors, including sexual activity, use of other drugs, and serious accidents resulting even in death. Some parents make the incorrect assumption that if they provide their teens with alcohol in their own homes, their children will be safer. It is against the law in Maryland to provide alcohol to minors. As a school community, we wish to do whatever we can to help curtail this dangerous problem. Therefore, we are implementing a parent pledge and asking for your support. By signing the parent pledge, you are stating that you will not allow youth under the age of 21 to consume alcohol or use illegal drugs in your home or on your property. After we receive the signed parent pledges, we will send out a list of the parents who signed the pledge form. In doing this, our parents will now be privy to the families who support our efforts.

Although it is not mandatory that you sign the pledge below, we as a school community, strongly encourage it. Thank you.

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I pledge to be present at all youth social activities in my home and to ensure that they will be free of drugs and alcohol. I further pledge that I will remain visible as an additional deterrent to drug and alcohol use in my home. In the event that I must be out of town, I pledge to take precautions against any social activities held in my absence.

I, the undersigned, will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the drinking age to consume alcohol or use illegal drugs in my home or on my property.

Parent Name: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

Please have your child return this form via a sealed envelope or mail it via US Postal Service to:

**SJCP
Attn: Marc Minsker
3989 Buckeystown Pike, P.O. Box 909
Buckeystown, MD 21717**