



OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

District 153 - James Hart School
District 161 - Parker Junior High School
District 167 – Brookwood Junior High School
Saturday, March 11, 2023
7:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
at Homewood-Flossmoor H.S.
Parent Presentation @ 4:00 p.m.

Dear Participants, Parents/Guardian:

We are so pleased that you will be attending **OPERATION SNOWFLAKE** on Saturday, March 11, 2023. We have much to share with you and hope to help make it one of the best “experiences” of your life.

On behalf of the SNOWFLAKE staff, we would like to thank the parents/guardians for the concern you have shown for your young person’s welfare by allowing him/her to participate in one of the best prevention programs in the state of Illinois. This highly informative program teaches young people how to make choices that will help them throughout their lives.

Please read the following material very carefully since it contains information that you need to know.

- Admission will be on first come, first served basis. ONLY the first 100 applicants from each school will be accepted. PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THE CORRECT SCHOOL. Registration for all students who register for the wrong school will not be honored.
- Registration will open on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 and will remain open through Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, *OR once all 100 applicants from Districts 161 & 153 have been accepted (or 10 applicants from District 167). The link will no longer be active for a school that has already reached their quota. Contact the appropriate person listed below to reserve a space on the waitlist.*
- Masks are optional. We will provide lunch and a snack, but **not breakfast** for the participants. Please make sure your son/daughter has a good breakfast before arriving at Homewood-Flossmoor the day of **SNOWFLAKE**.

In an attempt to help you understand what your son/daughter has encountered and to share the **SNOWFLAKE** experience, ***there is a special parent information session for you and other family members scheduled from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.*** Please be on time. Your participation will give you a better understanding of your son’s/daughter’s experiences. The closing will make more sense to you if you are present for its entirety. ***If you cannot attend, please let us know as soon as possible.***

Any questions can be directed to:

Hart: Ms. Leslie Berry at Leslie.Berry@hsd153.org

Parker: Ms. Karen Roorda at 708-647-5458 or kroorda@sd161.org

Brookwood: Ms. Jill Larson 708-758-5252 or jlarson@brookwood167.org

Thank you,

The Directors of OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. A \$40 fee will be due at the time of registration which covers food, a sweatshirt, and small group activities. Please be aware that absolutely no refunds will be given. Scholarships are available on a limited basis – contact Leslie Berry at James Hart or Karen Roorda at Parker Jr. High. **NOTE: NO REFUNDS will be allowed AFTER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th**
2. Parents are responsible for participant's transportation. You should report to **Door 12** for registration in the HFHS South Building Cafeteria **no earlier than 7:15 a.m. and no later than 7:45 a.m.**
3. Participants must follow all Operation Snowflake rules and attend/participate in all scheduled activities from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 2023. **IT IS AN ALL DAY EVENT AND YOU MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT!** No student is permitted to leave before the program concludes.
4. Participants are not permitted to possess non-prescription drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.
5. **MEDICATIONS & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be turned over to the Staff nurse at the time of registration and must be in their original containers. Inhalers should be kept. Furthermore, pizza will be provided, however should the student require a special lunch due to dietary restrictions, please send the student with a sack lunch the day of the event.
6. Snowflake or Homewood-Flossmoor High School will not be responsible for personal items lost or stolen.
7. Please leave all iPods, iPads, cameras, cell phones, weapons, and money at home, as they are not allowed. Gang signs or gang activity will not be tolerated.
8. If relatives need to contact participants by phone, the number to call is **815-685-4173. *These are to be emergency calls only!*** Relatives may have to try to call several times and allow the phone to ring several times. Participants will not be allowed to use the phones to call home unless permission is granted by one of the Directors.
9. Participants should notify their group leaders immediately in the event of serious illness or injury. The Snowflake nurse will notify the participant's parents immediately.
10. **** Confidentiality should be kept at all times.**

****Any infraction could result in a participant being sent home****

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Operation Snowflake is open to young people who share a common purpose and commitment to improving the quality of life through:

- Self-understanding
- Prevention through education and emotional growth
- Students helping students
- Sharing feelings and thoughts in a CONFIDENTIAL atmosphere.

Operation Snowflake participants:

- Learn to make responsible decisions
- Discover the effects of alcohol and drug abuse
- Increase self-esteem