

Mock DWI Event Planned

With year-end celebrations such as Prom and Graduation on the horizon and summer break a little more than a month away, Cassadaga Valley's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club will be partnering with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department to host a Mock DWI event at our school on the afternoon of Monday, May 15th. This event, generally held during the week of prom, takes place here every four years to give all of our high school students the opportunity to participate and witness this powerful, multi-agency production. This mock crash event is designed to educate teens and to reinforce the importance of using seat belts, paying attention behind the wheel, and to show the consequences of driving after consuming alcohol and other substances and/or distracted driving.

One of the primary goals of a mock crash event is to help reduce crashes, injuries and deaths involving younger drivers and their passengers by using visuals to demonstrate real-life consequences. As a part of this Mock DWI event on Monday afternoon there will be multiple agencies present at our school including Sheriff's cars, ambulances, fire trucks, and a helicopter. Please be aware that all of this activity is in conjunction with the event taking place.

As a part of staging for the event the helicopter will land at both the Sinclairville Elementary School and the Middle/High School. It is important to note that this event is only for students in grades 9-12 and while the helicopter will briefly land on the field between the elementary school and Route 60, no students in grades pre-k through 8 are involved or will witness the production.

Counseling staff will be available before, during, and after the event for students and staff for additional support and instruction. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Tonelli, MHS Principal, or Emily Pleszewski, School Social Worker and SADD Advisor.