



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

7550 Forest Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

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Dear Parents,

The Parent Communication Network (PCN) is a group of parents dedicated toward the goal of encouraging children to enjoy life without the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The PCN, is organized *to support other parents* by adopting guidelines, which are uniform in our community and by setting standards for our pre-teens and teens. Parents who join PCN will be voicing their commitment toward the common goal of keeping our children safe and alcohol/drug free. The Parent Communication Network Resource Book and a list of parents who have signed the PCN commitment form will be published in the fall and mailed to PCN members' homes.

PCN works with the schools and the local community coalition, SAGA, to co-host programs with presentations and speakers which have presented to students the message that "you don't need to follow the crowd to be cool, especially in matters involving alcohol and drugs" and to parents common sense, down to earth ideas that work when "raising" kids in today's world. Each Spring, PCN co-hosts with Nagel the transition program for all parents of 6th graders. In November 2009, PCN partnered with SAGA to host on a Town Hall meeting which presented the results of the middle and high school Youth Summits which were held in the Spring. Over 150 students attended the middle school and high schools Summits, where the students participated in a day long dialogue discussing the issue of adolescent drug use/abuse. In October 2009, PCN, SAGA and the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce partnered to present a program for parents on "Parenthood - The Ultimate Juggling Act."

Please read carefully the attached commitment form and return it by September 3, 2010. If you have any questions please call Susan Earley at 232-2772 or Beth Ladrigan at 474-7424. We understand that you, as caring parents, want to help your children make good decisions. Show them that you are interested in their lives - at school, at home, and in the community. You want to be involved, and be there when they need you. We know that with parental involvement, a young person is more likely to reach his/her full potential. We encourage all parents to commit to this important program and to serve as effective role models for the youth in our community. It is imperative that we work together to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

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PCN Coordinator

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What is the Parent Communication Network?

- PCN is a parental support group specifically targeting parents of 6 -12th graders.
- The PCN is a group of parents that want their children to enjoy life without the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- The PCN is concerned about the continuing acceptance of adolescent and pre-teen use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- The PCN is organized to support others in discouraging children from illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and promote the overall safety and well-being of children.

As members of the Parent Communication Network we agree that:

- Parents have the right to set appropriate limits including encouraging responsible behavior and curfew restrictions. Some general curfew *guidelines* follow, keeping in mind that special occasions require special consideration:

12th Grade	-	Midnight
11th Grade	-	Midnight
10th Grade	-	11:30 p.m.
9th Grade	-	11:00 p.m.
8th Grade	-	10:30 p.m.
7th Grade	-	10:30 p.m.
6 th Grade	-	10:00 p.m.

(Please check the PCN Resource Book for Anderson, Newtown and the City of Cincinnati's Curfew guidelines.)

- We discourage unsupervised groups or gatherings in our homes when we are not present.
- We will not allow the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in our home or on our property.
- We encourage communication among the appropriate adults to ensure that events hosted outside of our home, and attended by our children, will be properly chaperoned and will not include the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by minors.
- We will support the school administrators in the enforcement of school policies and public laws on the use of illegal substances.

