

MOUNTAIN BROOK ANTI-DRUG COALITION

July 2011

Dear Parents,

According to the Pride Survey, the annual survey of students 7th-12th grades on substance abuse and other topics, many of our high school students drink. If we look at how many students said that they have used alcohol (not counting in religious services) six times or more in the last year, we find that 33% of 10th graders, 39% of 11th graders, and 51% of seniors said they had. When asked about where they drink, year after year, on this survey, the most popular answer by far is “at friend’s houses.”

SAFE HOMES is a program of the Mountain Brook Anti-Drug Coalition, a group dedicated to guiding parents in discouraging the use of alcohol and drugs and empowering students to be alcohol- and drug-free. We would like for you to join us.

The goals of SAFE HOMES are outlined on the back of this letter. The pledge asks for each family’s commitment not to permit underage alcohol or drug use in their home. SAFE HOMES also places members in a network of concerned parents who are encouraged to contact each other about gatherings taking place in their homes or under their supervision. This year we are listing the parents who join SAFE HOMES in the MBJH and MBHS school directories, making it easy to find and contact other parents.

Please review the information on the back of this letter, and if you are in agreement with the pledge principles, sign in the space provided. We also invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution of at least \$25 to assist the Mountain Brook Anti-Drug Coalition in providing information to the community about how we can keep our children safe. Then simply bring this form and your contribution to registration. During registration at MBJH and MBHS in early August, there will be volunteers to take your signed pledge, contribution, and answer any questions that you may have regarding SAFE HOMES. If you prefer, you may mail the pledge, along with your check, to the address listed on the attached form.

We strongly encourage you to join SAFE HOMES, take a stand, and show other parents (and your own children) that you care about the health and safety of young people in our community. We can make a difference for our children, and now is the time to act.

Sincerely,

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The Mountain Brook Anti-Drug Coalition is sponsoring the **SAFE HOMES** program for parents of its junior high and high school students. This program is designed to encourage communication among parents and between parents and their children regarding the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

As a member of **SAFE HOMES**, you will be included in a section of the school directory listing the names all parents who have committed to honor the **SAFE HOMES** pledge. This information will assist you in making informed decisions with your teenagers.

SAFE HOMES Pledge

- **We will not allow parties or gatherings in our home when we are not present.**
- **We will not serve nor will we allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in our home or on our property.**
- **We will not allow the use of illegal drugs in our home or on our property.**
- **We invite any parent to contact us about events taking place in our residence or under our supervision**

Parent(s) _____
As you would like it listed in the Safe Homes section of the directory

Address _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Include in the _____ Junior High Directory _____ High School Directory

I am enclosing a tax deductible donation of \$25 or other \$ _____
(Make payable to "Parent Partnership")

Please complete this form and **bring to your child's registration, or** mail along with your check by **August 26th** to:

Mountain Brook Anti-Drug Coalition
c/o Student Services
32 Vine Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213