

Wallkill Senior High School
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As most of you are aware, marijuana dispensaries will begin to open in New York State next year. Therefore, we feel that it was imperative that we take a proactive approach to educate all stakeholders on the dangers of marijuana use.

Our District Prevention Services Provider, Kristina Heeren, has created a comprehensive program to educate students, staff, and parents on the facts regarding marijuana use. Ms. Heeren’s program includes the following components:

- Educational Pamphlets Regarding the Dangers of Marijuana Use Available in Library Media Center, Guidance Office, and Health Office
- Dangers of Marijuana Use Workshops were held for Students in the Library Media Center
- Presentations will take place in HS English Language Arts classes Grades 9-12
- **On 12/2/2021** a Parent Engagement Night will be held via zoom @ 6:00 p.m. that will include the following:
 - Ms. Heeren (Welcome and Introduction)
 - Ulster County Prevention Council (Edibles, Dangers, and Risks)
 - NY Project Hope (Ways to Help Teens Cope with Stress and Anxiety)

Marijuana use is increasing within the teenage population across the nation. Cheryl DePaolo, Program Director at Ulster Prevention Council, is going to present the facts, risks, and dangers of marijuana use among teenagers.

One of the leading causes of marijuana use for teenagers is stress. To help us understand some healthy ways to cope with and manage stress we will have Cheryl Gerstler, Program Engagement Specialist from NY Project Hope and Georgina Steiner from Independent Living, Inc. present.

After both presentations, time will be set aside for questions and answers.

[Click Here to Access the Scheduled Zoom Presentation on December 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.](#)

The link will also be posted on the Wallkill Senior High School Website. Please note that the zoom link will become active ten minutes prior to the presentation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the high school main office at (845)-895-7150 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Masopust
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