

5 April 2017, 2:30 p.m.

Dear Radnor High School Families,

As an additional measure in our continuous effort to keep our students safe, empower them to make positive choices, and maintain a drug- and alcohol-free learning environment, Radnor High School and district administration are actively working with professionals to coordinate unannounced sweeps of our campus by certified drug dogs. The sweeps are planned to occur this school year.

Like every high school across America, RHS is filled with teenagers who enter our doors with their unique stories. Many of our students have to contend with academic and social peer pressure on a regular basis. One of the most prevalent and real pressures they have to deal with is the temptation to use drugs and alcohol.

Radnor High School and Radnor Township School District have taken a proactive approach to tackling the problems of drugs and alcohol use among our students. Two years ago, RHS, in partnership with the Alliance for Safe Kids (ASK), kicked off our SAFE Homes initiative. This program allows parents and guardians in the community to take a clear and public “no use” stance regarding student consumption of drugs and alcohol in their home. The SAFE Homes initiative has continued this year, and information on the program is available on the RHS website [here](#).

Last year, the RTSD and PTOs/PTSA “Speaker Series” brought in Chris Herren to share his story of addiction and recovery with our students. Our strong relationship with the Radnor Township Police Department has included regular presentations to parents and students.

Most recently, ASK hosted a “Coffee Talk” in February with RTPD Lt. Andy Block to provide parents information about challenges facing our students regarding drug use. At the end of this month, RTSD, The Agnes Irwin School and The Haverford School will again partner as participants in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s Prescription Drug Take Back Effort. More information on this initiative can be found [here](#).

Radnor High School will continue to offer supports to those students who struggle. Should your child need assistance, please reach out to his or her guidance counselor or building administrator, and we can connect you with our drug and alcohol counselor from the Caron Foundation.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership with RHS as we work together to continue to protect and support your children and our students.

Sincerely,

Dan Bechtold
Principal
Radnor High School