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HC DrugFree is keeping Howard County *In the KNOW!!!*

Worried about Senior Week?

Parents: Do you believe Senior Week is a rite of passage? ...or are you dreading allowing your high school senior to attend beach week without adult supervision?

Worried About Senior Week?

You are not alone!

HC DrugFree
Empowering the Community

Presents

**Senior Week:
Staying Safe in
Ocean City**

Monday, March 18, 7 p.m.
Howard High School

Monday, April 1, 7 p.m.
Marriotts Ridge High School

Speakers:

- Joan Webb Scornaienchi
- Ocean City Police
Cpl. Howard Caplan
- Ocean City Beach Patrol
Retired Sgt. James McVey
(also a HCPSS administrator)

**Be a Parent
Not a Friend**

For additional safety tips and Ocean City police contacts, visit our website and click on Senior Week in Ocean City

Don't make alcohol available to teens

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No matter what beach students plans to visit, we encourage adults and students to attend one of HC DrugFree's annual *Senior Week: Staying Safe in OC* programs.

Hear from Ocean City Police Department's Cpl. Howard Caplan, retired Ocean City Beach Patrol and current HCPSS administrator, Mr. James McVey, and HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi as they discuss water safety, legal consequences, what to know before you sign the lease or buy the beer for your student,

how HC DrugFree partners with OCPD throughout the year to keep Howard County families safe, and much more.

These programs are free and open to students, parents, guardians, grandparents and the community. Join us on **March 18 at Howard High School** and **April 1 at Marriotts Ridge High School**. Both programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for a printable flier.

MD Residents Help The Community & Enter to Win

Are you a Maryland resident? If so, your community needs you!

If you are 18 years or older and live in Maryland, please consider taking a 10-minute survey about drug use in your community. Go to <https://bit.ly/2BEG1k7> to complete the survey and enter for a chance to win up to \$100! Your responses are anonymous and we value your input! Thank you.



Register NOW: Parenting Classes Begin This Tuesday

Howard County parents/guardians of 9 to 14 year olds are invited to join HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office for our next *Guiding Good Choices* parenting 4-week program.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Adults are expected to attend all sessions. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings will be held at the Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The printable flier and updated information can be found on HC DrugFree's website calendar at www.hcdrugfree.org/events.

Howard County: Overdose Update

As of February 25, Howard County Police reported 34 known overdoses so far in 2019: **4* Fatal and 30 Non-Fatal = 34 Total Overdoses**

*In fatal cases, some deaths are pending autopsy results for opioids and/or other substances. Numbers may fluctuate. If you or someone you know in Howard County needs help with an opioid or other drug issue, call 800-422-0009, 24-hours a day, or go to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center for screening & referral assistance. Grassroots is located at 6700 Freetown Road in Columbia.

Naloxone (also known by brand name Narcan) is a life-saving medication that can be used to help restore breathing to someone who has overdosed on opioids, including heroin, prescription pain medication, and fentanyl. For more information on how to administer and obtain Naloxone, please contact the Health Department at 410-313-6202 or at orpresponse@howardcountymd.gov.

TAC Meeting Monday, March 11

All Howard County high school students are invited to join HC DrugFree's Teen

Advisory Council (TAC). The next meeting will be on Monday, March 11. Community service hours are available for all meetings/events, and new members are accepted throughout the year. Email or mail signed registration form and photo. Forms can be found on our website at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council-1>. TAC follows the Howard County Public School System's weather policy. If school is closed or evening activities are canceled, there will be no TAC meeting. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings will be held at The Barn/Teen Center in the Oakland Mills Village Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Admin@hcdrugfree.org.

Next Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Collection: Saturday, April 27

The next convenient drive-thru medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot in Columbia. HC DrugFree's team will take your unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medication as well as any sharps. No need to remove medication or labels from the bottles and no need to get out of your vehicle.

Medications are guarded and transported by the Howard County Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Community service hours available for student volunteers. Please contact HC DrugFree for more information or visit our website at www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1

Safe storage: Keep friends and family from having easy access to your medication and don't unknowingly be their drug dealer. Secure your medication in a locked closet, locked filing cabinet, safe, etc. If you have no safe way to store your medication, HC DrugFree has a free medication storage box waiting for you or your family. Email us at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040 for more information or to schedule a time to come to our office for pickup.



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