

# SAFE HOMES NETWORK

## MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Together, we can protect our children from alcohol and drug use, for they deserve to be safe from these influences during their youth.

### PURPOSE

Mater Dei Catholic High School is committed not only to providing a safe environment for our students on campus, but also to promoting safe environments, free from alcohol and drug use, for our students off campus. Creating a network of safe environments requires cooperation among Mater Dei, parents, and community members. Thus, Mater Dei is implementing a **Safe Homes Network** in order to establish cooperation among our families. Specifically, parents in the **Safe Homes Network**, whose names are shared with all Mater Dei families, pledge to provide a safe home by enforcing the law in their home and on their property and to cooperate fully with Mater Dei, fellow parents, and law enforcement.

### PLEDGE

Parents who choose to participate in the **Safe Homes Network** agree to the following pledge:

- I will actively supervise all gatherings of youth in my home or on my property, or secure a responsible adult to do so when I am unavailable.
- I will not allow the possession or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs by youth in my home or on my property, thereby enforcing the laws of Illinois.
- I will establish my child(ren)'s understanding that I expect to know the details of social plans (the event location, with whom he/she is attending, the time to return home).
- I will store alcohol, tobacco, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, firearms, and other potentially hazardous items in a secure location in my home.
- Should a guest who I suspect is intoxicated arrive at my home or on my property, I will not permit him/her to drive and will contact his/her parents.
- I will encourage contact from parents whose children are gathering in my home or on my property and will feel free to contact a member of the **Safe Homes Network** prior to my child(ren) attending a gathering in the member's home or on the member's property.
- I will expect a parent who personally observes my child(ren) using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs to inform me in a manner that is confidential and without judgement; and will fulfill this same expectation for the parents of a child who I personally observe using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

### ENROLLMENT

To enroll in the **Safe Homes Network**, please return the form below or email Ms. Colleen McDermott (cmcdermott@materdeiknights.org) with the information requested on the form.

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## 2018-2019 SAFE HOMES NETWORK ENROLLMENT

By signing this form, I acknowledge my understanding of and agreement to fulfill the Safe Homes Network pledge.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child(ren) with Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

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