



BURNABY CENTRAL secondary school

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Dear Parent/Guardians and Students,

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming initiative taking place at our school aimed at promoting safety as we approach the graduation season and the end of school year. **Choose Your Ride** is an RCMP coordinated event to promote safe decision making around student celebrations. It is a voluntary and interactive presentation held during the school lunch break.

Police and associated partners will be discussing the importance of taking care of each other and staying safe:

- RCMP officers will be present with a police car and will be available to answer questions around the legal aspects of drinking and driving and the recent legalization of cannabis;
- Ambulance services will be present with their vehicles and will discuss the health concerns associated with overdoses, mixing drugs and/or drugs and alcohol;
- Taxi company and transit staff will be available to discuss safe transit options for youth who are not able to arrange for a safe ride home.

The interactive presentation is meant to grab the attention of young people. It is visual and intended to pique curiosity and engage students in conversations about safety with professionals who care about their well-being and want to prevent harm associated with substance use and driving.

Choose Your Ride will be at **Burnaby Central Secondary School on Thursday, May 9**. All members of the school community will be invited to participate. However, if it is something that you would prefer your child not participate in, please speak with them so they are aware and can make alternate plans during the lunch break. Our regular lunch time options will be available, as usual.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Erin McGinley
Vice Principal
Burnaby Central Secondary