



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to inform you about an important educational event that will take place at **Columbus Catholic** on **Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00 PM**. Students in **grades 9–12** will attend a **mock crash simulation** designed to raise awareness about the serious and often tragic consequences of impaired and distracted driving.

This demonstration is intended to educate students about the real-life consequences of impaired driving. The event will include realistic emergency response elements such as staged vehicles, local first responders, simulated injuries, and discussions about the emotional, legal, and physical impacts of drunk and distracted driving. Experiences like this can often leave a stronger impression than traditional classroom instruction and support our ongoing efforts to promote safe and responsible decision-making among our students.

The simulation will take place on the **football field** and will involve participation from several local emergency response agencies, including:

- Marshfield Fire Department
- Marshfield Police Department
- Sanford Health Marshfield Clinic
- Life Link Air Medical Support
- Wood County Sheriff's Department

Please note that **no actual emergency will be taking place**. However, the simulation will include emergency vehicles, sirens, and possibly a medical helicopter landing at the site. Because the demonstration can be intense, we encourage parents to speak with their children beforehand to help them understand the purpose of the event and prepare for what they may witness. **Parents are also welcome to attend the simulation if they would like to observe the event.**

If you have concerns or would prefer that your child **not attend the mock crash**, please contact **Michael Lambrecht** at lambrecht.michael@columbusdons.org to opt your child out of the event.

We appreciate your support as we continue to provide meaningful and potentially life-saving educational experiences for our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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