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## School Tragedy in Connecticut

On December 14, 2012, a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut ended in the deaths of 26 victims and one shooter. This incident and others across the country are so very tragic. National SAVE wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the victims. We are again reminded that school violence can happen to anyone, anywhere at anytime. Therefore, we must continue to be vigilant in making our schools as safe and secure as possible. There will be time at a later date for analysis of the incident, but for now we must grieve and move forward. SAVE will continue our efforts to make all campus settings safe and secure while they remain conducive to learning.

- The Ira SAVE group has taken a proactive approach since this terrible incident. The entire community wore purple (which stands for nonviolence) on Monday, Dec. 18, after the school shooting. Each teacher let the students create cards and letters to send to the families to show support.
- The Mukwonago High School SAVE chapter set up a table with candles for each victim, asked staff and students to join them in 27 acts of kindness, and wore green and white to commemorate Sandy Hook's school colors.
- Highland School of Technology had students sign 27 sympathy cards to be mailed to Newtown and did a balloon release in honor and memory of the ones lost.
- Harding University High School SAVE chapter created a banner and had staff and students sign the banner. The banner was mailed to Sandy Hook.
- Cuthbertson High School SAVE chapter made condolence cards to send to Sandy Hook Elementary School.

For more information visit: <https://nationalsave.org/>

## Chapter Highlight: Columbia High School, Columbia, MS

The new SAVE chapter at Columbia High School has gotten off to a strong start by sponsoring several activities that promote student awareness of safety. In October, PSAs were delivered during morning announcements with facts and statistics about texting and driving. SAVE posters were displayed around the school that encouraged students to get involved and sign up to join the SAVE club. The chapter already has 52 members!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
JANUARY 21, 2013	MLK DAY OF SERVICE	<a href="http://mlkday.gov/">http://mlkday.gov/</a>
JANUARY 21-25, 2013	NO NAME-CALLING WEEK	<a href="http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html">http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html</a>
JANUARY 24-25, 2013	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY TO HOST CONFERENCE ON AT-RISK CHILDREN AND YOUTH	<a href="http://gppi.georgetown.edu/leadconference/">http://gppi.georgetown.edu/leadconference/</a>
FEBRUARY 17, 2013	25TH ANNUAL AT-RISK YOUTH NATIONAL FORUM	<a href="http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferences/25th-annual-risk-youth-national-forum">http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferences/25th-annual-risk-youth-national-forum</a>
FEBRUARY 19-22, 2103	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CRIME PREVENTION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAINING CONFERENCES - CHARLOTTE	<a href="http://nicp.net/?page_id=359">http://nicp.net/?page_id=359</a>
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2013	2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING ORLANDO, FL	<a href="http://schoolsafety911.org/event05.html">http://schoolsafety911.org/event05.html</a>
MARCH 18, 2013	NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK	<a href="http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/">http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/</a>

2013 National Conference on Bullying  
Rosen Centre Hotel International Drive – Orlando, Florida  
February 27 – March 1, 2013

#### SPECIALTY TRACT FOR STUDENTS (18 AND YOUNGER)

New this year at the National Conference on Bullying will be a specialty tract designed for both middle and high school students who want to learn about the latest ways students are stepping up and speaking out against bullying. Specialty speakers, breakouts and receptions are planned. In addition, all students who attend are awarded the “Ambassador Against Bullying” Certificate of Training from both the School Safety Advocacy Council & SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere). [Register](#) now and be among the first in the nation to receive this honor.

## Monthly Focus: Diversity

Recognizing diversity is important at every age level and in every part of the country. In every school there will be different groups and issues to consider: culture, ethnicity, and religion to name just a few.

Look at your own chapter, school and community. Is the membership in your chapter a reflection of your student body? Your community? Are there recruitment activities that you could use to bring in new members from under-represented groups?

Many chapters face challenges recruiting male members. Talk to males in your student body to see what might encourage more of them to join and be active in SAVE. Emphasize that being against violence doesn't make you a wimp or less macho. Continue to make being in SAVE a "cool" thing to do.

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/januarytheme>.

## SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Media/Latest News section of the new website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

**January QoM:** *"On January 21, 2013 the nation recognizes the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dedication to end violence and discrimination in our society. How is your SAVE Chapter celebrating/continuing Dr. King's efforts?"*

Please blog your responses to:

<https://nationalsave.org/?s=qom>

## Techno Tidbit

### Smash Your Food

Watch kids laugh as they smash a real burger, crush a real milkshake, explode a real soda and pound a real pizza. Then watch their surprise as they see the amounts of sugar, salt and oil that are in these foods.

Smash Your Food motivates children to make healthier food choices.

<http://smashyourfood.foodme.com/en/for-parents/>



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## Chapter Highlights cont.

On December 7, 2012 approximately 150 CHS students took part in a drinking and driving presentation by local police officers. The students put on special goggles that simulate intoxication and drove a golf cart on a course that was set up with orange cones to see how many cones would be knocked down. Students also wore the goggles as the officers conducted a field sobriety test while they walked the orange line. Local Allstate Agent, Sammy Robbins and other distinguished guests participated in a SAVE Club rally.



(Front row: Allstate Agent Sammy Robbins joins Columbia School District Superintendent Dr. Marietta James, SAVE student Cadesja Ford and health teacher Toni Floyd. (Back row: Principal Shelia Burbridge, Columbia Police Chief Clint McMurry, SRO Sgt. Josea Otis, Mayor Reed Houston.)

During the winter months, School Resource Officer Otis, will speak to all 9th and 10th grade Health classes about safe driving as well as setting up a mock field sobriety test.

(Photo right: Officer Richard Pack accompanies SAVE student Ms. Camisha Simon as she drives the golf cart wearing DUI goggles.)



## Winter White Sale!

White SAVE T-shirts are half price for January 2013!

This includes the white SAVE logo T's (<https://nationalsave.org/white-save-logo-t-shirt-2/>) at \$6 and Teaming Up T's (<https://nationalsave.org/teaming-up-for-a-better-tomorrow-t-shirt/>) at \$5.

Logo T's are unavailable in Medium. Teaming Up T's are available in XL and very limited in 2X. Shop early for the best selection at <https://nationalsave.org/shop/>.



## Vickie Szarek, 2012 SAVE Advisor of the Year: Be Safe and Have a Great Day!



Happy New Year! And what a year it can be! As teachers, we look to make our lessons engaging and suitable for our diverse student learners. As a sponsor or chapter advisor, keep that thought in mind when your chapter meets. Students are not only diverse learners, but diverse “doers.” Everyone has something different to share from the diversity of their talents to their ranges of enthusiasm.

So how do we celebrate diversity? You can engage your chapter in meetings that challenge their ideas of what it means to experience culture within your school. Ask them to create ways to include others in your chapter activities – poster awareness is always a default mechanism. How about a “mix it up at lunch” day? Have your students sit at a table together in the cafeteria (with your schools’ permission, have a balloon bouquet to signify diversity and location of their table) and have pencils, stickers, candy and buttons to pass out to interested students. Make it a big deal for them to get others to join the table(s). Have chapter members sit somewhere in the

cafeteria that they don’t normally sit. Invite another club or organization to your meeting day and share activities. Work with another club to put on a Diversity Day with a Freedom Wall for cultural expression. Using a variety of colored paper squares, have students write their cultural “history”, experiences and thoughts down and create a patchwork culture quilt to be displayed in a common area at school.

According to Webster, diversity is “unlike in kind: unique”. Maybe we should define it as “unique: but like in kind” for us to have peace with each other! Have a peaceful and safe 2013.

## YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member: Justin Pearson, Memphis High School, TN



This month have your SAVE chapter try some new ideas to target diversity. Your chapter can request a cafeteria ‘switch-a-roo’ or ‘mix-it-up-at-lunch’ day where students sit at different tables with different students. When your chapter is involved in any discussion, be sure to have as many different opinions voiced as possible. Encourage a usually quiet individual to speak out and voice his or her opinion. We have many rich experiences and new ideas that we can share amongst one another. This month let’s share.

On the SAVE calendar it reads, “Is your school representative of your chapter?” If not, let’s try a different style of recruitment - no more posters but people dealing with people. Talk with students more frequently about SAVE. Tell them the importance of SAVE’s holistic membership concepts. Target the membership group that you need to help diversify your chapter. Appreciate and encourage those individuals to join for they will strengthen your chapter and all will become better members.

This month our Memphis Chapter is still serving the community. We are having our second food drive. After the Holidays, pantries and food banks typically have a drop in donations. We want to help reverse this trend. Another community activity is handing out pamphlets at local elementary and middle schools to tell them the importance of accepting everyone and appreciating our differences.

As SAVE members, our work is never done. We must focus on the work ahead and continue to strive.



*Happy New Year from the  
Staff at  
National Students Against  
Violence Everywhere (SAVE)!*

## Prevention Resources:

### Defending Childhood: Protect, Heal, Thrive

The Attorney General's Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence has released its final recommendations to address children's exposure to violence.

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101808979916-1182/Defending+Childhood-Protect,+Heal,+Thrive.pdf>

### Cycling Safer Than Driving for Young People, New Study Suggests

Researchers from UCL have found that cycling is safer than driving for young males, with 17 to 20 year old drivers facing almost five times greater risk per hour than cyclists of the same age.

[http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121205200212.htm?utm\\_source=December+18+%2C+2012&utm\\_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121205200212.htm?utm_source=December+18+%2C+2012&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email)

### Listen, Protect and Connect: Psychological First Aid for Teachers and Schools

Psychological First Aid for Teachers and Schools.

[http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/PFA\\_SchoolCrisis.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/PFA_SchoolCrisis.pdf)

### Doctors Say Magnetic Balls Caused Dozens of Injuries in Past Two Years

A recent study says hundreds of children and teens have been treated by physicians, with dozens needing surgery for injuries, in just the past two years after swallowing tiny super-strong magnetic balls.

[http://news.consumerreports.org/safety/2012/10/doctors-say-magnetic-balls-caused-dozens-of-injuries-in-past-two-years.html?EXTKEY=NS0N01211&utm\\_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm\\_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm\\_medium=email](http://news.consumerreports.org/safety/2012/10/doctors-say-magnetic-balls-caused-dozens-of-injuries-in-past-two-years.html?EXTKEY=NS0N01211&utm_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email)

### Car Surfing KILLS Teens

Car surfing is basically defined as riding on the outside of a moving vehicle.

[http://car-surfing-kills.com/?utm\\_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm\\_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm\\_medium=email](http://car-surfing-kills.com/?utm_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email)

### Gang Violence Prevention

NCPC provides training, technical assistance, tools, and resources in gang violence prevention.

[http://www.ncpc.org/topics/gang-violence-prevention?utm\\_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm\\_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.ncpc.org/topics/gang-violence-prevention?utm_source=December+11+%2C+2012&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email)

## Funding/Contest Opportunities:

### Allstate Foundation Mini Grants for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during the holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Prom and Graduation. The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)

would like to thank the Allstate Foundation for partnering with SAVE in North Carolina and Mississippi schools to support the youth safety and teen safe driving efforts of students through their SAVE Chapters.



### DoSomething.org Seed Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week.

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants>

### Run for Something Better Grants

Deadline: May 15, 2013

ING will provide grants to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. The goal of this funding is to empower school age children nationwide with the means to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

<http://naspe.confex.com/naspe/2013/cfp.cgi>

### The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2013

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation offers Academic Enrichment Grants designed to develop inclass and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning.

<http://mccarthydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/>

### The Healthy and Sustainable School Food Journalism Awards

Deadline: February 28, 2013

The Healthy and Sustainable School Food Journalism Competition is designed to bring the hard facts about school food to entire communities. Articles submitted for consideration must be about the need for healthy, sustainable school food and been published in a school newspaper.

<http://www.earthday.org/journalismaward>

### The Disney Friends for Change Grants

Deadline: February 10, 2013

Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 grant for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants>