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Steel Valley SADD Students Host Several Educational Programs

Munhall, PA – Steel Valley Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), under the direction of SADD Advisor Beth McCallister, recently sponsored a variety of programs to encourage District students to make good decisions.

“With prom and graduation season upon us, SADD is doubling its efforts to help spread the word to our students about the importance of making decisions that help to keep them safe,” said McCallister.

On Wednesday, May 8, Steel Valley SADD members Isabella Furrick, Danielle Long, Aidan DiGiannurio, and Kayla Kinzel joined other teens from across Allegheny County where they tested their driving skills and knowledge of road safety at the Teen Safe Driving Competition at Pittsburgh Technical Institute.

Also on Wednesday, the Safety Bug Program came to Steel Valley where junior and senior students had the opportunity to drive or be passengers in a car designed to show students the effects of driving while impaired.

Students also had the opportunity to wear the “beer goggles” while taking part in a mock field sobriety test. Mr. Firestone’s and Mr. Seech’s social studies classes participated and later watched an educational video about impaired driving.

On Friday, May 10, Steel Valley’s SADD group partnered with PA SADD and Responsibility.org to bring in the Smashed Project. The Smashed Project is a unique theater-education program that aims to prevent underage drinking among high school students and equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to make smart decisions regarding alcohol in the future. In addition to a live theater performance, students participated in an interactive workshop, and a question/answer session with the performers.

Underage drinking is down, and conversations between parents and kids about alcohol are up. Educational programs like the Smashed Project get kids talking.



