

# Safe Decisions Week 2023 launches for the 6th Year!

Safe Decisions Week is back again **September 26-29th**! We have another great week of activities and community engagement planned to focus on keeping our students and community safe!

## Activities District-Wide

The week-long safety education, sponsored by State Farm Agents Jill and Joe Gaba and Ohio Sports Chiropractic and Rehab, will take place in all the Nordonias schools from elementary to the high school. The high school will include fun and interactive learning to help high school drivers make safe driving decisions. The other schools will focus on safety education such as passenger safety, bike safety or fire safety. Students in all the Nordonias schools will have the opportunity to sign "I AGREE TO MAKE SAFE DECISIONS IN MY LIFE" pledge banners, which will be hung in the stadium for the Safe Decisions Week Blackout football game.

On **Tuesday**, the High School students will attend an assembly focused on driver safety. Think Fast Interactive will host a fun, interactive game show that conveys driver safety information based on peer engagement and rewards.

On **Wednesday and Thursday**, High School students will have the opportunity to participate in driver safety interactive exercises during lunch. Students may drive a Drive Team Skid Cart Simulator, sit in a semi-truck to experience Semi-

Truck Blind Spot Awareness, drive a cart course while texting, and drive Akron Children's Hospital Distracted Driving Simulator. They can also participate with Virtual Reality Distracted Driving and "walk the line" with impaired goggles. The Summit County Sheriff's Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol will be at the high school to talk to the students about driver safety. Students will have the opportunity to receive a 2023 Safe Decisions Week T-shirts for participating in driver safety exercises.

On **Friday**, the High School will participate in a Safe Decisions Week Homecoming/Senior Athlete Pep Rally.

Safe Decisions Week culminates **Friday, September 29th**. Our community is invited to the **Safe Decisions Week Community Resource Fair**, outside the stadium home entrance gates, from **5:00 – 6:30 PM**. **Free hot dogs, chips, bottled water and T-shirts will be provided (while supplies last)**. Resource tables will offer information on safety and wellness.

At **7:00 PM**, the Knights will host Wadsworth in our annual Safe Decisions Week Blackout/ Homecoming game. The team will wear their custom "Safe Decisions Week" Black uniforms which sport a commemorative SDW patch. The uniforms were donated by local State Farm Agents Jill and Joe Gaba and Ohio Sports Chiropractic and Rehab. The community is encouraged to wear blackout gear.