

# Morristown High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Morristown High School is committed to providing our teens and their families with as much support as possible to raise healthy and safe teenagers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, traffic crashes are a leading cause of teen fatalities in the U.S. In order to reduce the number of automobile crashes involving young drivers, Morristown High School will be presenting a nationally recognized program, "Share the Keys".

The focus of the "Share the Keys" program is to increase parental understanding of the provisions of the NJ Graduated Driver's License (GDL), the risks associated with teen driving, and the critical role they can play in teen safety. Parents, administrators, faculty members, local police and municipal court judges have been involved in this initiative. The "Share the Keys" program is already being taught in several local school districts and receives high praise from parents for its value. It includes both student and parent education components. We encourage **all parents** to take advantage of this valuable program.

In June 2009, Morristown High School, with the support of the Morris School District Board of Education, amended the Senior Parking Policy to mandate the attendance of a parent with a student to a teen driver program before a Morristown High School student submits an application for a senior parking permit.

The goals of this program are to:

1. Inform family members about the risks of teen driving based on solid, scientific evidence.
2. Provide practical advice about strategies that the National Safety Council believes may reduce the risks of teen driving.
3. Encourage parent-teen cooperation and involvement throughout the entire process from learning to drive through independent driving. Increase parent and teen understanding of NJ Graduated Driver's License requirements.

All parents are encouraged to bring their sophomore, junior, or senior students with them to the program. Sophomores attending a session of "Share the Keys" will get extra credit for their 10<sup>th</sup> grade Drivers Education Theory class. This class is also recommended for any families with students who already hold state permits. Parents who have attended the program say they wish they had the information earlier in the teen driver process. Please check the Morristown High School web site ([www.morristownhighschool.org](http://www.morristownhighschool.org)) for class dates as well as any changes or cancellations.

### 2018-2019 Parent Program Dates/Time/Location are listed below:

Date	Registration Time	Start Time	Room
September 11, 2018	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Auditorium
November 13, 2018	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
January 15, 2019	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Auditorium
April 23, 2019	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Auditorium