

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am proud to inform you of an important program we are offering to our students who will plan to drive on our campus. The program is called *Alive at 25*, and **completion of the program is required for any student that parks on campus**. Statistics show that car crashes are the number one cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 24. Travelers Rest High School is committed to keeping our students safe behind the wheel.

Alive at 25 is an early intervention program developed by the National Safety Council to prevent traffic violations, collisions, and fatalities. It is a 4 ½ hour defensive driving course that addresses the dangers of speeding, failure to use seatbelts, using cell phones while driving, eating while driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and more. It focuses on the behaviors that young drivers exhibit behind the wheel, and allows the student to recognize the consequences of those actions.

Law enforcement officers will come to Travelers Rest High School to teach the *Alive at 25* course. Students will be instructed in several small classes to maximize the effectiveness of the program. Travelers Rest High School will be offering several course times in advance of the upcoming school year, and those times are listed on the www.scaliveat25.org website. If a student is unable to attend a session at Travelers Rest High School, they can register and attend an *Alive at 25* course anywhere else in the state as well. When taking the course elsewhere, be sure the student indicates during the registration process that they are taking the course for a Travelers Rest High School parking permit. Once the student has successfully completed *Alive at 25*, a certificate will be sent to the school by the National Safety Council. This certificate is necessary for the student to purchase a parking permit

Students can begin registering online at www.scaliveat25.org, or by calling the South Carolina National Safety Council office at 803-732-6778. The price of the course is \$40 and all students must pre-pay for the course (no payment received at the door). Online registration can be paid via PayPal, or money orders can be mailed to the National Safety Council after registering online. Parents may also pay by credit card over the phone. *Credit cards will be charged a \$3 transaction fee*. Any student who cannot afford the \$40 registration fee should contact the SC National Safety Council at the number above and ask about financial assistance.

I'm sure you'll agree that if taking this proactive measure can save the life of one student, it will be worth the investment of our time and money.

Sincerely,

Louis E. Lavelly, Jr.
Principal