



STAND UP 9!

Prevention Leadership Academy

Dear High School Freshman Students,

As a 9th grade student in the Parkway community, you are invited to attend the *Stand Up 9!* Leadership Academy. *Stand Up 9!* is a youth retreat that is designed to develop the positive youth leadership skills of high school freshmen and empower them to put their skills into action. *Stand Up 9!* is geared towards individuals who are interested in taking a courageous role in serving as a positive role model for youth and helping build healthy, drug-free school communities. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet and develop bonds with other upstanding students from throughout the Parkway School District footprint. This year's *Stand Up 9!* will take place on **Tuesday, February 28th from 7:45am to 2:15pm at Amp Up Action Park in Ballwin, MO.**

Stand Up 9! is sponsored by the Alliance for Healthy Communities (a grant-funded Parkway community coalition) in partnership with Parkway PATH. Staff from the Alliance for Healthy Communities (AHC) and Parkway PATH, along with teacher leaders from each of the participating high schools, will provide the training and supervision for the students.

Stand Up 9! is the first step towards the development and empowerment of our young leaders to take on various leadership and advocacy roles in their school community. Many of our former *Stand Up 9!* participants have become leaders and tutors in the Parkway High School Heroes, Peer Teaching and Now n L8r programs, and/or teen coalition leaders in the AHC Teen Voice for Change school chapters.

If this type of opportunity interests you, please fill out the attached application, include a teacher reference, and return the completed application to your school's program representative (see list of representatives on application). There are limited spots for each high school, so not all applicants will be invited to attend. In order to assist us in the selection process, please tell us about you on the back side of the application.

The application **deadline is Monday, January 9th**. Please plan to have the application completed, with the necessary signatures, and returned to your school's SADF Leader (see bottom of application) by this date. If you are selected, you will receive an official invite and event paperwork (i.e., field trip permission form, Amp Up waiver) by **Tuesday, January 17th**. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A \$20 STUDENT FEE REQUIRED IF SELECTED (Note: A few scholarships are available for families in financial need).**

For more information about *Stand Up 9!*, please go to <https://www.parkwayschools.net/Page/9137> or contact the Parkway PATH Office at 314-415-5045.

Sincerely,

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**STAND UP 9! LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT & APPLICATION**



Name: _____ Grade: ____

School: _____

Student Email Address: _____ (print neatly)

Fall Semester Grade Point Average: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

I am interested in attending the SU9! Leadership Academy and believe that I have many of the characteristics important in a positive role model for youth.

Student Signature _____

As a parent/guardian of the above student, I am supportive of their participation in the SU9! Leadership Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

As a teacher/counselor of the above student, I have witnessed positive character traits and skills that are necessary as a peer leader and youth role model.

Teacher/Counselor Signature _____



In 100 words or less, please describe the character and leadership skills you possess that would make you a good candidate as a drug-free leader in Parkway.

**PLEASE RETURN OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL'S
TVC REPRESENTATIVE LEADER BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH.**

Central HS – Ms. Alexandria Elder (Math Dept)

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mmonroe@parkwayschools.net

North HS – Ms. Julie DeCaro (Social Studies Dept)

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South HS – Ms. Whitney Wilhem(ESOL)

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West HS – Ms. Tommie Rowe (Health/PE Dept)

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