

# Month-At-A-Glance

October 18

*Family Forum — Substance Abuse: It Couldn't Happen to My Child, or Could It?*

Guest speakers from Life-Line, an adolescent treatment center, will address the topic of substance abuse among teens at 7:00 PM. The panel will include the following members of the Life-line treatment team as well as several teens from the program:

- James K. Smith, LCSW, Clinical Director

Mr. Smith has been with Life-Line since 1990, it's first year. He has extensive experience working with youth, including more than 20 years in the field of mental health. He previously worked at Odyssey House, Salt Lake County Mental Health, and Dayspring. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Utah and is credentialed with a CAC.

- Shawna Meredith, Admissions Director

Ms. Meredith has worked at Life-Line since 2000. Her degree in Health Science and extensive hours of training with medical services, human resources, medical records, organizational skills and client relationships provide an exceptional service to families at Life-line.

- Shane R. Petersen, MBA, Director of Administration

Mr. Petersen has been with Life-Line since 1990. He brings experience and knowledge in working with youth who have substance abuse and behavior problems and is highly skilled in working with adolescents. He also contributes insight and expertise in training peer staff counselors and assisting them as they help other youth on the road to recovery. Shane received his degree in Psychology from the University of Utah and a Masters of Business Administration from Brigham Young University and is now responsible for business operations, including community relations, information systems, policy and strategic planning.

This evening presentation is for parents only. A separate panel of teens will address students during a special assembly in the afternoon.

Contact Becky Heiss, Student/Family Forum Coordinator, at 532-6819 for questions.

## October 20

### *Village Friday — Bullying & Harassment*

In separate, small group discussions, boys and girls will talk about bullying and harassment in their lives. The topic will include cyber bullying, an increasing problem among young people who use cell phones and the Internet. Students will learn about types of cyber bullying, tips on how to prevent cyber bullying, and advice on how to stand up to a cyber bully.

Students only.

## October 24

### *Village Leaders — Preparatory Training*

Join other village leaders for a training session at 6:00 PM. Agenda to be announced.

### *Incentive Day*

Grades 5, 6, and 7: Halloween theatrical performance of “Thriller” by the Odyssey dancers

Grade 8: Guided behind-the-scenes tour of Rocky Point Haunted House

Students must meet these incentives to attend:

- No more than two missing assignments in any class
- No more than two tardies
- No behavior referrals

## October 31

### *Halloween Celebration*

Costumes welcome! Students attend the Halloween celebration planned by the student government. Lunch to be served. The student body will also welcome the 2006/2007 student officers:

Grade 5: Andrew King & Sage Mack (cabinet representatives)

Grade 6: Zoey Perkes & Samantha Duzy (cabinet representatives)

Grade 7: Katrina William & Steve Floor (cabinet representatives)

Grade 8: Izzy Washburn & Sheraya Seeley (co-presidents), Alexandra Nelson (secretary)

## November 2

### *Village Meetings — Grades 5 & 6*

Parents invited to attend the second Village Meeting, which will focus on the SLArts math program. Assemble in your student's Humanities classroom, and then proceed to an explanation of our math philosophy with Ann Simms, Dan Armstrong, or Dan Rose.

## November 9

### *Village Meetings — Grades 7 & 8*

Parents of 7th and 8th graders invited to the same math introductory Village Meeting as described for Grades 5 & 6 on November 2.

## November 3

### *Term Ends!*

Watch for your student's grades to arrive in the mail by November 10.

## November 7

### *Election Night — Bake Sale*

The Salt Lake Arts Academy is a polling place. Student government and student advisory council will hold a bake sale for voters.