

**MVMS has been selected to participate in the 2007 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS).** All local superintendents have approved participation of their selected schools and we are required by law to comply. This important biennial survey collects information on the nature, extent, and trends in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by Maryland's adolescents in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. Survey results are used to identify needs and implement substance abuse prevention and treatment programs at the State and local levels. Results are provided for the State and county levels and are not available by individual school.

The 2007 MAS will be administered on **Tuesday, December 11, 2007.** Students in pre-selected classes in grades 6 and 8 will be asked to participate. The survey will be given during school hours by MVMS teachers. To encourage truthful answers to the questions and to ensure each student's privacy, names will not be written on the answer booklets. **Thus, student responses will be anonymous.**

A copy of the MAS is available in the Front Office for any parent who may wish to review the survey. If you desire to opt your child out of participating in the 2007 MAS, please complete and sign the attached form and return it to Mrs. O'Byrne by Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Tear off and return

I have read the above statement and **desire to opt my child out of participating** in the *2007 Maryland Adolescent Survey*.

Child's Name (print)

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(First) (Last)

(Grade)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_