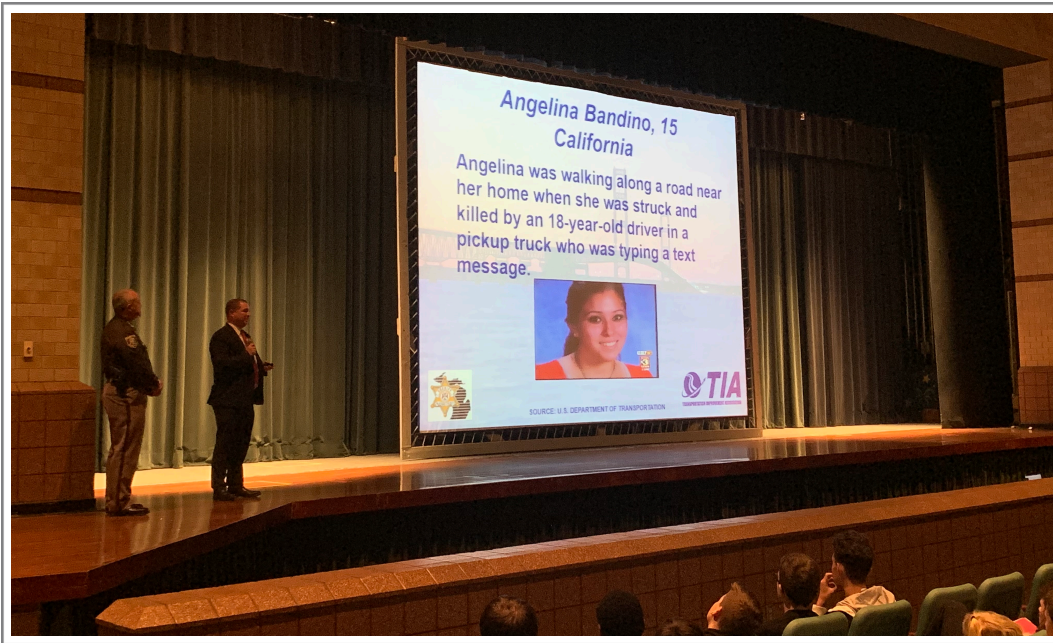


S4SD NEWSLETTER

STRIVE 4 A SAFER DRIVE



AT WHAT DISTANCE ARE YOU PARTICIPATING?

Michigan high schools are educating students in various ways; in-person, virtual, or a combination of both. S4SD has partnered with school advisors to share helpful tips for participating.

Strive for a Safer Drive is committed to educating students on safe driving and keeping the community safe. The deadline to apply for S4SD is December 20, 2020. More information can be found at michigan.gov/S4SD.

1

FACE MASK

Use face protection when interacting with others, in person.

2

SOCIAL DISTANCE

Practice social distancing by staying 6ft from others.

3

VIDEO CHAT

To interact with others at a larger distance, use a video platform.



SCAVENGER HUNT

Access the S4SD scavenger hunt at michigan.gov/S4SD located in the resource packet.



VIDEO

Create videos with peers to demonstrate driving experiences or discuss driving topics.



SMALL GROUPS

Break large groups into small groups, live-streaming to other students if unable to have several small group presentations.

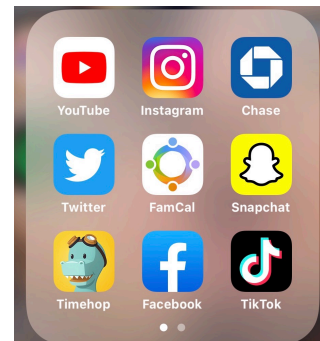
No matter the distance there will always be an impact

The current pandemic is causing stress on students, staff, and families as learning has shifted. The educational shift requires schools to teach remotely, in small groups, or a combination of both. Students are encouraged to brainstorm ideas, with peers, about strategies on educating peers on safety belts, speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, and winter driving.

A scavenger hunt is provided by S4SD to encourage students to explore their community while learning Traffic Signs. The scavenger hunt provides tasks for students to find various signs in their community, allowing them to be creative by adding additional signs for bonus points. Strive for a Safer Drive's Program Coordinator, Kayla Thomas-Wright, took the challenge upon herself.



Students can create and share videos on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc. Videos can include instructions on where to place cell phones while driving and safety belt usage. Real-life videos can be recorded to demonstrate what it looks like to be pulled over or pulling over when an emergency vehicle is approaching. While creating videos and planning events you must follow all federal, state, and local laws (i.e., wear safety belts, don't text and drive, etc). Many students do not have experience with said driving events and S4SD can give those experiences; virtually!



Live broadcasting is available on platforms, like Facebook, where students can discuss various driving experiences and talk specifically on driving topics. Strive for a Safer Drive encourages students to use funds to purchase video material or software that can be used to create educational and interactive videos. To promote S4SD and school slogans, merchandise can be purchased using funds provided by S4SD. Bumper stickers, key chains, t-shirts, and/or yard signs can be sent to students and staff to broadcast safe driving messages.

GET INVOLVED!

Students are encouraged to brainstorm ideas, with peers, about strategies on educating peers on safety belts, speeding, distracted, impaired driving, and winter driving. Teens have the ability to impact each other and the community on safe driving choices. Schools will develop and implement a student-led, peer-to-peer traffic awareness campaign. Submit an application, by *December 20*, by mail or email to strive4asaferdrive@gmail.com.



A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED

As winter is approaching, Michigan students will begin to educate their community on the dangers of driving in dangerous conditions. Although tire tread is necessary in any season, it is extremely important while driving in the winter months.

Tire thread, on each tire, should have at least 1/8" of thread for safe driving. Students can send 1 penny (allocated in the budget) to each student for them to check the thread of their tires and maybe their family members too! This trick can be used anywhere at any time. To make it interactive, have students post pictures on social media of them testing tire threads to win prizes like gift cards or merchandise! A demonstration is provided and more information on tire safety can be found at [nhtsa.gov/equipment/tires](https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/tires).



Driving on worn tires without adequate tread is dangerous in any season, but especially in winter. Examine the tread on your tires for wear when you check tire pressure, rotate tires, and before you take long trips. Use the penny test to check your tread.

- **THE PENNY TEST:** Insert a penny, Lincoln's head down, into the tread of your tire. If you can see Abe's entire head, there's not enough tread left to drive safely. (Tires should have at least 1/8" of tread for safe driving.)
- To help your tires wear evenly, get them rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles.
- For more information on buying and maintaining tires, visit the National Traffic Safety Administration's tire information page at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/tires>.



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