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Coram, NY - The Brookhaven Highway Department is assisting Sachem High School East to provide new motorists at the school with the opportunity to participate in several driving safety awareness activities. These programs are critical as car accidents are the number one killer of teens in America. "Learning to drive is a tremendous step towards becoming a responsible adult and it is imperative for student drivers to realize how serious this responsibility is," Brookhaven Town Superintendent of Highways Dan Losquadro said. "Part of this process is having new drivers commit to as many driving safety awareness activities as possible. These activities will instill safe habits in those who are learning to drive and in doing so will decrease accidents and save lives."

"Having the privilege to drive provides students with great freedom, but with it also comes a major responsibility," said Lou Antonetti, Sachem High School East Principal. "Today, being a defensive driver is as important as ever with other people being distracted drivers. We hope this event will promote the conscious thinking of safe driving and that students will have a positive influence on their friends and family."

Driver safety awareness activities taking place at the school include Electric Carts for a texting-while-driving experience, Drunk Buster Pedal Carts, BAT Mobile (Blood Alcohol Testing), giveaways and student commitments to safe driving practices. The Highway Department's Division of Traffic Safety is partnering with Sachem East High School, State Farm Auto Insurance, the Education and Assistance Corporation Network, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and Cox Media Group 106.1 WBLI.

The State Farm Auto Insurance Celebrate My Drive Teen Driver Safety Event will take place on Thursday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to noon and is open to all Sachem High School East students.

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