



Dear Parents,

Young Hearts for Life® (YH4L) is pleased to offer all **St. Francis High School** students a free, potentially life-saving ECG screening on **Tuesday, December 6, 2022**. Parent/Guardian pre-authorization is necessary for a student to be screened.

YH4L, the largest ECG screening program in the United States, will provide a FREE heart screening called an electrocardiogram (ECG) to identify high school students at risk for Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). More than 60 young adults die each week in the United States from SCD. Since 2006, YH4L has screened over 280,000 students and has identified more than 3,000 with previously undiagnosed heart conditions. **Please be aware that repeat ECG testing is recommended every two (2) years.**

A simple, painless, and non-invasive ECG can detect approximately 70% of the heart conditions that are associated with SCD, while a pre-participation physical can only detect 4% of these conditions. **The false positive rate for our program is less than 2%.** Additional evaluation and testing by your physician may be recommended.

We want to assure you that students' confidentiality, privacy, and individual modesty will be respected throughout all aspects of the program.

- Students are given a designated time by the school to come to the screening area.
- Trained volunteers attach electrodes to the students' chest and limbs in preparation for the ECG.
- No clothing is removed.
- The ECG machine monitors the electrical activity of the heart and prints out the information about heart rate and rhythm.
- A trained cardiologist then interprets the printed ECG.
- Student results are available 2-3 weeks after the screening via a secure link that is sent to the parent/guardian email.
- Results are NOT shared with the school or district.

The Young Hearts For Life® cardiac screening is being provided to your students **Edward-Elmhurst Health, Just1Mike, and Young Hearts for Life donors.**

To learn more about YH4L and to register your child for this lifesaving screening, please visit our website at [www.yh4l.org](http://www.yh4l.org). Young Hearts for Life is a 501C3 tax- exempt organization. If you have questions, please contact us at 630-785-4366.

Sincerely,

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