

**Parent Driving Permit**

Dear Parent and Student,

You will soon receive a "Parent Driving Permit." This will allow each student who has completed 10 hours of classroom instruction and 2 hours of Behind the Wheel road work to do some practice driving with a licensed parent (or guardian) or a non licensed parent (or guardian) and a licensed adult until they get their Level 1 license from the Secretary of State. The pink driving permit is not part of the Level 1 process and does not need to be taken to the Secretary of State.

Driving is inherently risky, no matter what the experience level of the driver. Please keep in mind that although your child has had driving experience with an instructor, please use extreme caution when practicing with your child. No matter how much time they have had behind the wheel with the instructor, they could still do something unexpected at any time. They may get the gas pedal and brake pedal mixed up. Avoid parking near buildings and stay away from obstacles. Experience is the best teacher.

Use the Parent Driving Permit at your own risk. Supervising a new driver is very, very risky. Use extreme caution. You can get killed driving a car.

Students, you will be joining the millions of other drivers on the road, or Highway Traffic System, as it is called. No doubt you are excited and anticipate getting behind the wheel to start your driving career. However, please remember that this is just the beginning of a life time of driving. You must exercise care and caution in all that you do. Major Driving School believes that during the next 6 weeks, using the mentor log and practicing the following skills and attitudes would be helpful:

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| <b>Backing</b>                          | <b>Expressway Driving</b>   | <b>Rural Roads</b>       | <b>Light City Traffic</b> |
| <b>Paying Attention</b>                 | <b>Intersections</b>        | <b>Defensive Driving</b> | <b>Head Checks</b>        |
| <b>Courtesy</b>                         | <b>Poor Weather Driving</b> | <b>Judgment</b>          |                           |
| <b>Watching Out for the "Other Guy"</b> |                             |                          |                           |

However, BEFORE doing any driving, it is recommended that you check with your insurance company to make sure your son or daughter will be fully insured while driving your car.

Drive Carefully,  
*Byron Major*

## "It Can Wait"

In car cell phone use is an epidemic. Driving a car, a 4,000lb. weapon, is a privilege and must be earned. It takes discipline and self-control. It is part of the pathway to adulthood and freedom. According to statistics, 8 teenagers die every day while driving a car. About 1 in 2 high school students admit to texting or emailing while driving. 75%, 3 out of 4 novice drivers involved in a crash, don't remember what they were doing 1 minute before the crash. Distracted driving is a serious problem.

To try and influence beginning drivers to put away their cell phones and concentrate on their driving and class work, Major Driving School is using an "It Can Wait" program.

The purpose of this initiative is to influence our students to understand that cell phone use and driving don't go together. To foster this disconnection from their cell phones, MDS has implementing "It Can Wait" in the car and "It Can Wait" in the classroom.

This means that cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom, nor in the driver education car. "It Can Wait".

In the interest of safety, we are asking students to turn off their cell phones before they enter the classroom and keep them off until they leave the class room. We are also asking that they turn off their cell phones before they get in the driver education car and keep them off until after they leave the driver education car.

In the class, each time we see a cell phone , we will assess a \$10 fine. After 3, \$10 fines, the student will be expelled from the class without a refund.

By signing below, you understand our "It Can Wait" program and acknowledge you are aware of the consequences of using a cell phone in class or in the driver education car.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/GaurdianSignature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_