

Dear HLS Parents,

Your help is needed to make our 2nd HLS Blood Drive a success. If you are able and willing to donate blood, and/or know someone else you could recruit, please consider doing so.

- **This year's drive will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014, from 2-7 pm, at the HLS Spring Meadows Campus, 10901 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243.**
- All donors are required to present a photo ID in order to give blood.
- 16-yr-olds also need to bring a signed parental consent (available online or at the drive.)

You may now go to the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-GIVELIFE (1-800-448-3543) and sign up for a specific donation time. While you don't have to sign up ahead of time, doing so will enable you to choose a time that's best for you, and will minimize your wait time on the day of the blood drive. You'll need the following information to sign up for an appointment time:

1. Know which type of donation you would like to sign up for. Two types of donations are possible:

- **Most are slots for regular blood donations.** If you want to sign up for a regular blood donation and the **only** available slots are for "double red," you may go ahead and sign up under the double red slot and request that a regular donation be taken when you arrive on site.
- **If you have O type blood (positive or negative) or are A negative or B negative, AND meet certain height and weight requirements, you may be eligible to sign up for "double red."** This donation takes longer and requires two smaller needle sticks. Double red donations are equivalent to giving two units of blood in one donation, except that the non-red blood cell portions of your blood are returned to you. Although you may sign up for a double red donation if you meet the above requirements, your actual eligibility will be determined at the blood drive site.

2. To sign up for an appointment time: Go to www.redcrossblood.org

- Scroll down and click on the blue box that says "**enter a sponsor code.**"

- Enter **0246855** in the code box and click on "go." This will take you to the HLS blood drive page.
- Click on the box that says "**click here to schedule an appointment to donate.**"
- You will be directed to set up an account if you don't already have one.
- After signing in with your username and password, you'll be taken to the appointment page. See notes above regarding regular vs. double red donations before signing up.

Thank you for your gift of life!