

## **PHS Monthly News Letter item**

### **February Message from Driver Education Department:**

In November of 2011, within the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Bureau of Licensing informed the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 (CLIU 21) that before a driver's test may be given, a student must first complete the classroom theory class before a CLIU driving instructor may issue the actual Behind the Wheel (BTW) driver's licensing test.

Parkland realizes that some of our students currently engaged in the CLIU's BTW program for the first semester may not be scheduled for the classroom theory course until second semester. If this is the case, you may inform your BTW instructor at the CLIU of this conflict, take the sixth BTW lesson with the CLIU to receive your BTW Certificate and take the driver's test at the DMV with one of their driving examiners. The law maintains that a state examiner may issue the driver's test to a student without the completion of the theory course but a driver's education instructor may not.

Additionally, CLIU offers an online theory course for a fee. Please inquire at CLIU if interested in taking their online theory course.

Reminder for winter weather Behind-the-Wheel driving session cancellations:

- If the school day is cancelled due to weather any student who scheduled a driving session that day will be contact by the instructor if the driving session is cancelled.
- During the school day, if weather causes an early dismissal or the cancellation of after school activities any student who scheduled a driving session that afternoon will be contact by the instructor is the session is cancelled.
- If the weather conditions effect Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday driving sessions who any student scheduled for a driving session those days will be contact by the instructor if the session is cancelled

When a student's lesson is canceled due to the weather, rescheduling for that session will be the student's responsibility.

For registration in the Behind-the-Wheel Driving Program, visit the CLIU 21 web site: [www.cliu.org](http://www.cliu.org) under the resource tab click on Student Driver Education. For more information on this program call 610-769-4111, Ext 1299 or 1-800-223-4821, Ext 1299.

#### **Reminder on Winter Driving to Enhance Highway Safety.....**

Winter in Pennsylvania can mean rapidly changing weather and road conditions. If you don't have to drive during a storm, don't. If you have to drive, make sure you pack an emergency kit for long distance and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Penn DOT recommends a few basic items for all emergency kits, including:

- Non-perishable food
- Water
- First-aid supplies
- Warm clothes and a blanket
- A small snow shovel
- A cell phone and car charger.

However, kits should be tailored for any specific need you or your family may have. Items such as baby supplies, extra medication, pet supplies, or even children's games should be included to meet specific needs.

Learn more about winter driving and what to pack in an emergency kit at [www.DriveSafePA.org](http://www.DriveSafePA.org). Information on Penn DOT's operations, like how we treat different types of storms, and other winter facts, is available at [www.dot.state.pa.us/winter](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/winter).

Students and parents with any questions or concerns may contact the Driver Education Office at 610-351-5900 ext. # 74410 or by email at [bortzb@parklandsd.org](mailto:bortzb@parklandsd.org)