

JANUARY 2023



**Happy New Year from the Vernon ROCKS Coalition!
In this month's newsletter you can reflect on the
coalition's successes throughout the year!**

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VERNON ROCKS COALITION

◀◀ 2022 RECAP ▶▶

JANUARY

- ★ "Start the New Year Off Right" billboard on Route 83



FEBURARY

- * A Real Talk student created a vaping prevention poster that was shared throughout the school



MARCH

- + Skylin joined the team as a Peer Advocate to add youth voice to the Coalition
- + We met with the GSA club at the high school to develop more resources and reach new subpopulations of students

APRIL

- * Provided vaping cessation resources, tips and habit trackers at Rockville High School
- * Held our Semi-Annual DEA Drug Take Back Day and collected 94 pounds of unused and unwanted prescription medications



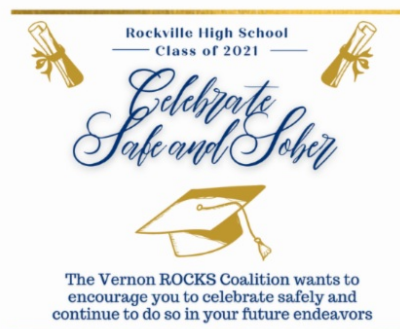
MAY

- Provided Rockville High School Prom attendees with safe celebration tips
- Hosted our Annual Rockville ROCKS Block party



JUNE

- ★ The coalition gifted goodie bags for the RHS graduating class



JULY

- ▲ Members of the coalition attended CADCA's 21st Annual Mid-Year conference



AUGUST

- Hosted "Lighting the Way" event in honor of International Overdose Awareness day
- Vernon ROCKS participated in National Night Out, where we had a table to spread awareness and education about youth substance use



SEPTEMBER

- Attended RHS Open House and held a Hidden in Plain Sight demonstration



- Created an Olaf scarecrow for the Strong Family Farm scarecrow contest



OCTOBER

- Held our Semi-Annual Drug Take Back Day, collecting 67 lbs. of unused and unwanted prescription medications



- Planted red tulips for Red Ribbon Week with MVPP

NOVEMBER



- Held our Vernon Community Basketball Tournament for RHS students and staff

DECEMBER

- Ⓜ Partnered with local agencies to disseminate mental health resources during the holiday season
- Ⓜ Partnered with local liquor stores to decorate and disseminate bags with prevention messaging



Vernon **ROCKS** wants to
thank everyone who helped
make this year so
successful!

We are so excited to
continue to work to meet
our mission in 2023!



If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources in the area.

If you are aware of an underage party or illegal activity follow the link and submit the anonymous form below, and the Vernon ROCKS Coalition will work with the Vernon Police Department to prevent or stop the activity.

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition we are always looking for more members. You can join by visiting our website!

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