

## Blood Drive

The blood drive is an opportunity for people to donate blood to meet Inova Blood Donor services need of 100 pints of blood a day. One blood donation can save up to three lives of people in need of blood (ex. Cancer patients). The blood drive is held annually in the spring or fall here in Blake's Media Center from 7am-2pm (they can extend the time if desired). However, it is better to have this event in the spring because more people will have met the age requirement of 17 yrs old. Inova Blood Donor services is located in Alexandria, VA and the number to contact them is (571) 434-3675. They need to be contacted immediately so that a date and time can be arranged to hold the blood drive. Also a meeting date needs to be arranged so they can meet with the leadership class and/or the chair and co-chair to discuss what a blood drive consist of. Inova will send a representative to Blake to talk to leadership about the procedure and requirements of the blood drive. Inova will provide literature about donating blood and t-shirts for the committee. After a date is confirmed, you must check with the media center specialist to make sure they know about the event. Inova usually provides water and snacks for donors after they donate blood. You should also ask the PTSA for any donations. Inova will be working very hard all day, so you need to provide food (such as pizza) and drinks for the staff and blood drive committee.

To prepare for this project you need to do the following:

- Permission slips- (To prevent chaos, once permission slips are turned in, each student must sign up for a specific time in the schedule)
- Advertisements - ( flyers should be available in the main office and media center. Also, they should be hung up around the school. They should include the time, date and purpose of the blood drive)
- Announcements- (announcements need to be made daily on Eubie TV a month to 3 weeks before the blood drive is held. You should also consider a mini commercial!!??)
- Time schedule- (depending on how many people sign up to participate and how many stations there are will determine how many people will donate in a specific amount of time. For instance, if there are 5 stations and 30 people sign up, then 5 people will donate at one time. With an extra 5 people after that. The time interval should be 30 minutes)

Lastly, try to stress this event to students and outsiders by being consistent with announcements to make this a successful blood drive! Good Luck!