



Jr. Panther Club/Drug Free PA

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CHOICES

What to wear? What movie to see? What restaurant to go to and what to order?

The choices you make determine so much, from the simplest things (clothing) to what you want to be when you grow up. Your choices will have consequences, whether good or bad, and you will face choices all your life.

Choices are a great way to learn. They allow you the freedom to decide things for yourself and to see what happens when the choices you make aren't the best.

One of the toughest choices to make is whether or not to drink, smoke or do drugs. It should be simple, right? Say no. But it is never that simple nor that easy.

You might be faced with your friends telling you it **won't** hurt to try it once, while your teachers and parents are telling you it **will** hurt if you try it once. You are faced with a choice.

The choices you make depend on your inner strength and whether you can stand up to the pressure on kids today. The pressure friends sometimes place on you could be enormous and tough to beat, but if you have plans for a future, plans to be a doctor or teacher or President, know that getting involved in alcohol and drugs could stop those plans instantly.

Anyone who gets caught with an illegal substance could go to jail, pay a fine, or pay the ultimate price from trying something just once.

The choices you make today affect what you do tomorrow, not just the immediate tomorrow but the future way off in the distance.

What choice will you make?