

## **Press Release**

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### **Asheboro High School Students Help Save Lives**

ASHEBORO - The Asheboro High School Health Sciences Academy is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the AHS original gym. The school will partner with the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas.

“The community is invited to attend this important event,” said Brian Saunders, principal Asheboro High School. “Our students look forward to hosting the community and helping to save lives of people right here in North Carolina. They have worked hard in preparation for this big event and I am proud of their community outreach,” said Saunders.

If anyone would like to make an appointment, they may email Asheboro High School Health Sciences Academy teacher, Rita Morton at [rmorton@asheboro.k12.nc.us](mailto:rmorton@asheboro.k12.nc.us). Drop-in donors must report the front office before being admitted the blood drive.

For community members who have never participated in a Blood Drive, the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas addresses several questions on their website: *Is it safe to give blood? How much blood do you take? Will I feel sick afterwards? Does it hurt? How often can I donate? Can I give blood if I recently got a tattoo or piercing? Is the blood tested for disease after collection? How long does it take? Am I eligible to donate blood? Can I give blood if I've had cancer? How many lives can I save with my donation? Can I take Aspirin before donating blood?* To read the answers to these questions and more, visit the center's online link: <http://www.cbcc.us>.

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