# PROTECT THIS HEART **SCREENING**



#### **WHO**

Students ages 12 - 19 from any area public or private school.

### WHAT

Free Youth Heart Screening

#### WHEN

September 21, 2019 | 9:00 - 2:00

## WHERE

Germantown Academy 340 Morris Road, Ft. Washington, PA

#### WHY

We screen our children's eyes and ears. We should screen their hearts too. Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the #1 cause of death of student athletes. It takes the lives of thousands of students every year.

Register for your appointment at simonsheart.org.



## WHAT HAPPENS AT A HEART SCREENING

- Complete a short online medical history form.
- We'll check your blood pressure, height and weight. You'll also get an ECG exam (stickies on your chest).
- You might get an echocardiogram based on your medical history or ECG. It takes a picture of your heart.
- The cardiologists evaluate all of this to see if there is a need for a full cardiac workup.

#### WHAT IS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST?

The heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. Blood stops circulating through the body and a person collapses.

#### WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS?

Sometimes warning signs happen and sometimes they don't.

### Watch out for:

- · Fainting or seizures during exercise
- · Unexplained shortness of breath
- · Rapid heart rate
- Extreme dizziness or fatigue
- Unexplained sudden death in family (SIDS, drownings and auto accidents)

## WHAT IS SIMON'S Heart

Simon's Heart was established in 2005 in memory of Simon Sudman, a seemingly healthy three-month old who died from an undetected heart condition. The founders want to ensure that no other child dies from a detectable and treatable heart condition. The organization provides free heart screenings to students; advocates for legislation to protect student athletes; distributes AED devices; promotes research through its digital registry and raises awareness through cause marketing campaigns.