



Sacred Heart Catholic School

The Heart of Faith



Love



Community

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Dear Sacred Heart Parents and Guardians;

Each year it is our responsibility, as a caring Catholic community, to provide a curriculum that teaches the students appropriate boundaries and personal safety. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires the Archdiocese of Saint Louis to ensure that all children in both day school and parish school of religion programs receive information that allows them to participate in their own personal safety. The curriculum, "Safe Touch", is taught by specially trained educators among our faculty and staff and is age appropriate. The lessons focus on safety in a non-threatening manner and consist of one class period.

The goal of the curriculum is to provide students with safety tools they can use immediately. In addition, resources from Netsmartz.org may be utilized throughout the year by classroom teachers.

Netsmartz.org is a free educational resource for educators and parents that provides helpful information, games, videos, and activities that reinforce technology safety in an age appropriate and fun manner.

The Safe Touch curriculum was developed in partnership with West County Psychological Associates, the Archdiocesan Child Safety Committee, as well as educators and school administrators. In recent years, the curriculum has been updated to include safe practices while utilizing technology such as the internet, online gaming, and social media. As in all things educational and formative, we are proud to partner with you the first teachers of our children.

The curriculum is available here in the school office. If you have any questions, would like to preview the materials, or have your child "opt out" of the lessons here at school instead having the information come from you at home, please let me know.

The classes will be taught during religion in the various grades during the next several weeks.

Blessings,

Chris Masterson
Principal

