

# Safe Touch Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a caring Catholic community and as part of our on-going commitment to provide a safe and healthy environment for our children, the Archdiocesan Child Safety Committee has developed a school-based curriculum for grades K-8 that contains practical, helpful information to help children protect themselves from dangers that exist today.

Now that adults who work with our children have participated in the “Protecting God’s Children” program, the next step is to equip our students with the skills necessary for them to participate in their own personal physical safety.

The objective of this curriculum, entitled “**Safe Touch**”, is to teach our children self-protection skills. Children will learn body safety rules in an age-appropriate and non-threatening manner. This curriculum will be presented by a trained teacher. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be divided by gender. **The program will be presented to the St. John’s PSR on October 26<sup>th</sup> for all grades.**

The “Safe Touch” curriculum approaches safety issues in a respectful manner, connecting our Catholic values with information to keep our children safe. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding this important piece of your child’s education.

If for whatever reason you prefer your child not hear this presentation during his/her school or PSR program, you have the option of opting him or her out of the program. Just email me to let me know. We will provide you with the materials to discuss this all-important issue with your child(ren) at home.

Sincerely,

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