

HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Holy Redeemer School considers the safety of its students and staff as one of its highest priorities. We have a Crisis Management Team made of staff members who are working diligently to ensure the safety of everyone. We work closely with the Webster Groves Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Archdiocese's Safety and Security Department to ensure that we are successfully implementing emergency procedures.

We practice fire, tornado, earthquake, intruder/shelter in place, and reverse evacuation drills with our students to help us be better prepared in case of an emergency. The goal of our drills is to help us be prepared to protect our students. After our drills, we discuss if any changes need to be made to improve our response skills.

The staff and the students are trained with an option-based response for our intruder drills. The option-based intruder drills are recommended by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The option-based drills have taught our students and staff how to lockdown and barricade the rooms in case of an intruder. Our training has also taught us that there might be times when we may need to evacuate the students to a safe location outside the building. Attached to this letter is a permission slip which would allow us to practice moving our students to the Eden Seminary Campus or Webster Groves Public Library as part of our continued intruder drill training and practice. Please note we must have the signed permission slip for your child to participate in this practice. Both the Webster Groves Police Department and the Archdiocese's Safety Department have been alerted to this drill so that they can offer support to us on this day.

As a parent, you can support us by assuring your children that the staff will do everything to keep the students safe during an emergency. Also, encourage your child to listen and follow all directions given by the staff and the first responders during an emergency. Please reinforce the concept that children should report to an adult any doors left or propped open or any adults in or around the building that they do not recognize. In addition, they report any talk of bringing or having a weapon.

We believe in maintaining a safe environment for our entire Holy Redeemer community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 314-962-8989.

Sincerely,

Linda Pahl and the Crisis Management Team