



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

August 27, 2012

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The safety of your children is our school community's collective priority. Subsequently, each year we take the necessary steps to ensure that your child is safe at all times while at HFCS. All of our staff and volunteers have received the required background checks and training to ensure for a safe school environment.

Each year we are required by the bishop to present a lesson plan, provided by the Diocese, devoted to the topic of "Formation in Christian Chastity". This program is mandated by the Office of Child Protection and provides parents with resources to help them inform their children regarding safety from the perspective of human dignity.

The expectation is that our Second, Third and Fourth graders are to be taught at home by you, the primary educators. The school will present this material to the students in First and Fifth through Eighth grades. Please note that this program does not contain any objectionable content and represents our Catholic faith in tradition and practice.

If you choose not to have your child participate in this training you can find an Opt-Out form at http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/form_christianchastity.php. You have total access to the materials by going to this site. There you will find the exact lesson plans and script that you can use for your child's specific grade level. The site can also answer any questions you may have regarding the justification for and reasoning behind our diocese's selection and mandating of this program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

God bless you,

Sarah J. Chevlin, Principal

cc: Rev. Gerard Creedon, Pastor