

Dear St. Peter School Families,

At last night's School Advisory Council meeting, several parents attended to voice their concerns regarding the safety of their children both in the school and at church. We can assure you that the students' safety is our top priority here at St. Pete's.

Over the past few weeks, you may have noticed some adjustments to our daily safety protocol that have taken place at school. Signs have been posted on the doors reminding all visitors including volunteers to sign in at the office upon arrival. The Finley St. doors have remained locked during morning drop off, and a faculty member will continue to greet students as they arrive. Additionally, when the older students go out for flag duty in the morning and afternoon, they report to the office before going out so we know to keep a closer eye on them.

We have also been researching additional safety options including the installation of an indoor and outdoor security camera system and the possibility of hiring an SRO pending the award of additional safety grant funds. As an additional precaution, Kurt Beidelschies, a sheriff's deputy and parent, has graciously offered to be present during school Masses. We are continuing to seek guidance from law enforcement officials as well as the Catholic Schools Office at the Diocese of Toledo.

The teachers have been asked to review emergency safety procedures with their students as well. We plan to run an evacuation drill tomorrow afternoon. This will involve exiting the building following fire drill procedures and then evacuating to the church and locking the doors. In early 2024 we plan to run a full scale evacuation drill which will involve evacuating to our secondary location at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Parents will be notified ahead of time when this drill will take place along with more specifics.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion or misunderstandings that have taken place. We will continue to welcome suggestions as we work toward creating the safest environment possible for our children. Thank you to everyone who has shared their concerns. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Fr. Savio.

God Bless,

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