



Save The Date

Mother & Son Dance

Saturday, November 18th
The Fairways at Dunwoody

Important Dates

No School for PK 3 & K—8
Thursday, October 19th
11:30am Dismissal



Pk3 & K—8
Friday, October 20th

Confirmation Information

Parent Meeting:
Wednesday, October 25th
7:00pm—Auditorium



Enrollment Mass
Sunday, October 29nd
10:30am

Winter Uniforms

Begins Monday, October 23rd

Safe Environment Lesson

Kindergarten to 8th Grade
Wednesday, October 18th
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First Communion Information

Parent Meeting:
Wednesday, October 18th
7:00pm—Auditorium



Enrollment Mass
Sunday, October 22nd
10:30am

Progress Reports
Go home Tuesday!

Riddle of the Week

What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?

Email Mr. Morano if you would like to know if you have the correct answer!

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October 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

The safety and well-being of all our children in our parish and school communities are our highest priorities. To serve the goal of creating a safe environment, every year in our schools and religious education programs, the children receive lessons in personal safety, as required by the *Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which was adopted by the U.S. Bishops in 1992. This year, our Safe Environment Lesson will be held on Wednesday, October 18th during your child's religion class.

Our Catholic Tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We, at St. Barnabas Elementary School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Safe Environment lesson plans have been fully revised to better address each grade level, with a lesson that is age-appropriate and consistent with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. These lessons are designed to promote respect for the dignity of the human person and virtuous living. These revised lessons were developed by the Safe Environment Office of the Archdiocese, in consultation with professional educators and child safety experts.

The full lesson plans for each grade level can be reviewed online at <http://www.archny.org/pastoral/safe-environment-program/childrens-curriculum/>. These lessons will cover such topics as internet safety, how to develop good boundaries in relationships, how to deal with uncomfortable or threatening situations, and how to get help from a trusted adult. Each year, parents/guardians will receive a short overview of the lesson that your child will receive during their Safe Environment instruction class period. This will enable you to reinforce the lessons your children have received, and to assure them of your support in their safety. Attached, please find your class specific overview.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the safe Environment lesson, please send a note into the teacher before October 16th.

We thank you for the sacred trust you have given us in the care and protection of your children. May the collective vigilance and efforts of the entire Catholic community renew trust and confidence. We must trust Christ's promise: "for God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).

Should you have any questions on the Safe Environment program or lesson, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Morano
Principal