



ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
ACCREDITED BY ADVANCED

January 10, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In keeping with the Archdiocese of Washington's *Child Protection Policy*, annual Personal Safety Education will be offered during the upcoming weeks to our students in grades K-8. Age appropriate lessons will be presented by teachers to address the following *Child Protection Policy* standards:

- a. Basic safety skills
- b. Recognition of dangerous and abusive situations.
- c. Recognition of appropriate and inappropriate physical contact.
- d. Ability to say "no" to unwanted situations.
- e. Ability to identify and tell a trusted adult.
- f. Importance of disclosure of inappropriate or unwanted actions directed at self or others.
- g. Recognition that abusive situations are never the fault of the child.
- h. Ability to safely navigate through internet forums.

Lessons will be conducted during religion classes and internet safety will be offered to students during their computer class. Approved resources from the Catholic Schools Office, such as *Think First and Stay Safe! Virtus and Netsmartz*, will be used to teach age appropriate concepts.

I will be working with teachers to coordinate compliance with the implementation of Personal Safety Education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support as we work together to equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to ensure their safety and protection.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bonato

School Counselor