



St. Mary of the Assumption School

Pre-K through Grade 8

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wisdom and grace
since 1863."*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In our continued efforts to maintain safety in our schools, we will be providing lessons to students that involve a protocol for responding during an emergency situation. The instruction that students will be receiving will focus on options (Run, Hide, Fight) that students and teachers in the past have used in the event of an active shooter emergency. The Run, Hide Fight protocol is recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the International Chiefs of Police, the Indiana State Police, and others. Run, Hide, Fight protocol will be modified for students based on age and will be presented in an age appropriate manner. These lessons will take place over the course of the school year.

In addition to the Run, Hide, Fight protocol students will be learning about the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This is a national system of common vocabulary, which is used in the event of an emergency. The SRP is used in all schools in our Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. A copy of the SRP is on the back side of this letter.

Preparing our students for real and present dangers is basic, fundamental education. Different times, different circumstances and different dangers require that we prepare students in different ways. Nobody wants to contemplate something bad happening in our schools, but through responsible planning and training, we are able to respond to a crisis in order to better protect ourselves, and those around us.

Safer classrooms and work environments can only happen if we take action. Safety depends on our ability, our determination, and our commitment to make emergency preparedness a top priority. We encourage you to engage in discussions with your child about school and community safety in an effort to be prepared to act in the event of an emergency.

More information regarding the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) can be found on the school webpage at stmaryavilla.org. Thank you for supporting our safety measures.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sandor