

September 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your commitment to our school's safety! We appreciate your following our procedures, especially in regards to our morning drop off. Working as a team helps us prepare a safe environment for our children. Keeping consistent with procedures and expectations helps teach our children character and resilience.

The safety assessment performed by the Kentucky Center for School Safety was very successful and informative. We have already received great feedback and will be given a more thorough report in the near future. Suggestions included new mechanics on some doors, keeping classroom doors closed, and labeling storage closets. Our safety committee and maintenance crew have also been working on labeling entrances and exits throughout our facilities.

We received many positive accolades, which included a great system of supervision, especially before and after school. They reviewed our system of child support, including our anti-bullying policy and system of drills. They also acknowledged the strength of our support system, with our full-time Guidance Counselor and Dean of Students. You probably don't think about these things relating to safety, but they are vital for a school safety program. We reviewed our emergency management plan and our off-campus emergency locations. They praised us on everyone wearing their badges, as well as our use of our radios for communicating.

We discussed the capital campaign's plans for a new school entrance, which they saw as being very effective and another layer of protection for our school. Over three of the four-million-dollar goal for the Campaign has been raised or pledged. The last million will go toward the building of an improved entrance and the relocation of some preschool classrooms. Our new entrance would prevent direct access to our school office, as visitors would be vetted before coming into the school, the stairwells, and in contact with students. Please contact us if you wish to help make these important improvements happen. On November 27th, we will participate in iGiveCatholic, and those proceeds will go toward the Capital Campaign. To learn more about it, visit <https://www.igivecatholic.org/>. We will share more as that date gets closer.

We will also share more from the formal report of the safety assessment as soon as possible, and will continue working to make improvements. Our faculty and staff will be receiving more training. Our safety committee is working to update mass safety plans. We are also planning faculty trainings with local police, and Mrs. Klein and I will be attending an important safety training this week at ECU. Thank you all for your help and support.

Many Blessings,

Paula Smith, Ed.S.
Principal