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Dear Parents,

This year, as has been the case since 2002 when the Bishops of our Church in the United States created the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, our curriculum will include courses designed to teach, in an age appropriate manner, basic safety principles that your child can use to avoid harm – particularly harm from sexual predators. In pre-K through Third Grade, the program is taught by our teachers in the classroom, using a program entitled, *“Talking about Touching”*. This is one of the highest rated courses in the country and we’ve found it effective. For Grades Four through Eight, we use on-line programs and have a different course for each grade level. You can log onto the website, www.shieldthevulnerable.org, and review all of these courses at no charge. The site also contains a description of each course. Our teachers will oversee and monitor your child as they take the courses, but we encourage your interaction with the children as well.

The courses are:

Fourth Grade	Safety Smarts for Kids
Fifth Grade	Block the Bully
Sixth Grade	Be Safe, Stay Safe
Seventh Grade	Bullying, Not Cool
Eighth Grade	Digital Citizenship

We welcome your feedback; please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Dr. Bruce Colville, Principal

