

May 6, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

Touching Safety Opt Out

All Saints Academy will present the annual sexual abuse prevention program, *Touching Safety*, developed by the creators of Protecting God's Children™. This program is provided to all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is a part of the ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lessons are being offered to all K-8 students at All Saints Academy. Each lesson is age and developmentally appropriate. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the "overview" and "lesson plan", available at www.virtus.org, so you'll be aware of the nature of the Touching Safety program. You may need to login to the site to see these resources.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact either Mr. DeBri or Miss. Giroux . If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, [please complete the Opt-Out form by clicking here](#), **no later than May 13, 2020**.

If you have not opted-out by Wednesday May 13, your child will be included in the Touching Safety lessons, with their classmates, when it is provided by their teacher.

[Here is more information on the Touching Safety program](#), courtesy of VIRTUS Online™.

YouTube Consent for Students

YouTube is not a core G Suite for Education app, and therefore does not comply with internet-related laws for student filtering and privacy. This is why right now, ASA blocks YouTube for student accounts, and we must "white list" each video separately for our students to view. If you are finding this process adds to your, and your child's, frustration with distance learning, you now have the opportunity to grant your permission to open YouTube for your child, in his or her ASA G Suite for Education account through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. YouTube will be blocked again at the end of the school year. Please review the terms in [the YouTube Consent form](#), and complete one form for each of your children if you wish to open up YouTube for them.

God Bless,

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