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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, St. Ann Catholic School is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child.. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

Your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which the school counselor presents a safety lesson to children. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them.

As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time and discuss the information at home. If you have ever thought about how to empower children to protect themselves, fortify their boundaries or increase their safety through in-person and online situations, then reviewing the lessons on your own to both begin *and* reiterate the message at home is the best next step to take.

Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

*For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with:
Mrs. Keara Segarra, school counselor, Keara.segarra@sascolts.org 901-266-5214*

Please note: You also have the ability to “opt” the youth out of the formal in-program safety lesson if you only plan to provide safe environment education at home. Please complete, detach and submit the form below if you do not want your child to receive safe environment information via St. Ann about ways to protect themselves.

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO:

Mrs. Segarra or your child's teacher **BY September 9**

I, (*printed name of parent or guardian*) _____, have reviewed the safety lessons and DO NOT give my permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children Safety*

Lesson to my child (*printed name of child*) _____ Grade : _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____