

February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, Mrs. Segarra will present safety lessons to the students prekindergarten through 8th grade. 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.

Next month, your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's 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.

For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with:
School counselor, Keara Segarra Keara.segarra@sascolts.org

Please note: You also have the ability to “opt” your child 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 the school about ways to protect themselves. Mrs. Segarra will reach out to you regarding the lesson and relevant protocol, i.e., child separation from others during lesson, alternative activities, etc.

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

*your child's classroom/homeroom teacher or Keara.segarra@sascolts.org, **BY February 26, 2021.***

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

(*printed name of child*) _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____