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Dear Third Grade Parents,

I would like to inform you that I will be teaching the Safe@Last curriculum to the third graders. Topics we will cover include: the difference between being assertive and being aggressive; making choices; safe and unsafe touches; and safe people. Please review with your child what he/she is learning about safety as this information could save a child's life or keep a child safe from harm.

The program we are using was developed by the Sexual Assault Center in Nashville and this program is mandated as part of the diocese curriculum. The program defines **safe people** as “**adults who a child knows and trusts.**” In this program, a **stranger** is defined as “**someone you do not know.**”

I encourage each of you to reinforce this knowledge at home. Our goal is to equip the children with the knowledge they will need should they find themselves in an unsafe situation.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful and reassuring. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at school 860-5042 and I am on campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You may also email me at [sjscounselor@stjosephnashville.org](mailto:sjscounselor@stjosephnashville.org).

Sincerely,

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