

1/07/10

Dear Parents,

Joy Maguire Dooley will do a 15 to 20 minute presentation on her *Safe Environment Program* series, for 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that is mandated by the Diocese of Joliet. The Kindergarten will be introduced to Sam's Story for the first time.

The *Safe Environment Program* adapted for the Diocese of Joliet, is a way for young children to learn to recognize and respond appropriately and assertively to improper touching. This part of the program is for students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The *Safe Environment Program* is structured to help students learn about unpleasant realities in a positive way. Students will not be exposed to specific sexual language or depictions of graphic situation or to anatomically correct language regarding private body parts. The instruction will help them recognize dangerous situations and understand that they can say no then tell a trusted adult.

Kgn will use: Sam's Story and It's My Body Book

1<sup>st</sup> grade: Safety N.E.T. Kids (Video)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: CARDS

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Yes You Can Say No (Video)

5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>: When Should You Tell (Video)

Dates for the children's instruction will be: Tuesday 2/9/10 Kgn, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and Thursday 2/11/10 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade

For those who wish to need more information, Joy Maguire Dooley will be available to dialog with you about this program on **Tuesday, February 2** and **Thursday, February 4** at 12:00 PM.

Please call the school to set up an appointment.

If you do NOT wish for your child to participate, please sign the release below, detach it and return to the school before the date of your child's instruction. Other options will be provided for your child during the sessions.

Sincerely,

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I ask that my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ be excused from attending instruction at St. Joan of Arc school using the *Safe Environment Program*. I understand that it is my right and responsibility as a parent under guidelines of the Catholic Church to do this instruction myself.

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Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_