

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOTES & REMINDERS

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 September 1st, Monday – **NO SCHOOL** – Labor Day

● September 4th, Thursday – **Back to School Night** – 5:30 P.M.

We will be meeting in the gym at 5:30, followed by visits to classrooms, and ending with an ice cream social on the playground.

Please plan to attend to meet your child's teacher and receive important classroom information.



September 15th, Monday – **School Pictures** – Wear your dress-up clothes or school uniform.

Please follow dress-up guidelines.

****NO short skirts, skin baring tops, or tight pants****

IMPORTANT:

*If you are ordering pictures, Van Gogh recommends that you **ORDER ONLINE**. See instructions on the order form. If you are ordering with the envelope, please have the exact amount in your order envelope, the school office does not have cash to make change.*

● September 25th, Thursday – **1st Mid-Trimester Ends**

● September 26th, Friday – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher PD Day

A Note from our Interim Principal, Mrs. Seeber:

What a blessing it is to be surrounded by God's children! It is so nice to hear the sounds of students ringing throughout the school. Thank you for trusting us to teach your boys and girls. We would love to see you all at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 4th at 5:30 P.M. We will begin in the gym with prayer and introductions, followed by classroom visits and ending with an ice cream social on the playground. It should be a wonderful night of community building and a time to meet teachers and staff.

Please look for the sign-up table in the back of the gym for parent volunteers. We are specifically looking for parents to join our PTVO and our SAC committees. There will be information about each committee and someone to talk to as well.

God Bless each and every one of you.



This year **ALL students need to bring a lunch & drink from home EVERY DAY.** We have discontinued our lunch program.

➔➔➔ **SCHOOL FORMS** - Don't forget to turn in all your completed school forms to the school office, asap. It is very important that we have all of these forms on file.

Choir

If you are interested in joining the school choir, practice will be on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 P.M. for students in grades 5 – 8. Practice will take place in the music room.

ENCLOSURES IN THIS WEEK'S THURSDAY FOLDER: (any flyer enclosed with this newsletter that is not a St. Therese Flyer is not a St. Therese sponsored event).

- SRP – Standard Response Protocol
- Night at the Cemetery

Assurance Statement of Compliance with the purposes of Title IX Education Act

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese, under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop, and at the direction of the Superintendent, attest that none of the Catholic schools discriminates on the basis of sex in its admission policies, its treatment of students or its employment practices.

Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.I. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit handicapped students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic or other school administered programs.



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

“Get Inside. Lock outside doors”



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

“Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the “Muscle Memory” associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES Y TUTORES

Nuestra escuela ha adoptado el Protocolo de Respuesta Estándar (SRP, por sus siglas en inglés) de la fundación "I Love U Guys". Los estudiantes y el personal recibirán capacitación, practicarán y participarán en simulacros sobre el protocolo.

LENGUAJE COMÚN

El Protocolo de Respuesta Estándar (SRP) se basa en un enfoque que aborda todos los peligros y no casos específicos. Al igual que el Sistema de Comando de Incidentes (ICS, por sus siglas en inglés), el SRP utiliza un vocabulario común y claro, al tiempo que permite la flexibilidad en el protocolo.

La premisa es simple: existen cinco acciones específicas que pueden llevarse a cabo durante un incidente. Las acciones se indicarán con una "expresión técnica" y la seguirá una "orden". La acción la realizan los participantes activos, incluidos los estudiantes, el personal, maestros y socorristas. El SRP se basa en las siguientes acciones: permanencia, protección, cierre de emergencia, evacuación y refugio.



PERMANENCIA

"En el aula o área donde esté"

A los estudiantes se les capacita para:

- Despejar los pasillos y permanecer en el área o en el aula hasta que se anuncie que todo está bien
- Continuar con las actividades normales

A los adultos y al personal se les capacita para:

- Cerrar y bloquear la puerta
- Contar a los estudiantes y adultos
- Continuar con las actividades normales



PROTECCIÓN

"Entrar. Cerrar las puertas exteriores con llave"

A los estudiantes se les capacita para:

- Entrar al edificio

- Continuar con las actividades normales

A los adultos y al personal se les capacita para:

- Llevar a todo mundo al interior
- Cerrar las puertas exteriores con llave
- Ampliar la información sobre la situación
- Contar a los estudiantes y adultos
- Continuar con las actividades normales



CIERRE DE EMERGENCIA

"Cerrar con llave, apagar las luces, esconderse"

A los estudiantes se les capacita para:

- Ocultarse donde no se les pueda ver

- Guardar silencio
- No abrir la puerta

A los adultos y al personal se les capacita para:

- Llevar adentro a los estudiantes que estén el pasillo si es posible
- Cerrar con llave la puerta del aula
- Apagar las luces
- Ocultarse donde no se les pueda ver
- Guardar silencio
- No abrir la puerta
- Prepararse para escapar o defenderse



EVACUACIÓN

"A una ubicación"

A los estudiantes se les capacita para:

- Dejar sus pertenencias si es necesario
- Llevarse el teléfono si es posible

- Seguir las instrucciones

A los adultos y al personal se les capacita para:

- Llevar una sábana enrollable y una mochila de emergencia (salvo que se les indique que no lleven nada, dependiendo del motivo de la evacuación)
- Dirigir a los estudiantes al lugar de evacuación
- Contar a los estudiantes y adultos
- Informar sobre lesiones o problemas a través del método de tarjeta roja/tarjeta verde



REFUGIO

"Indicar el peligro y la estrategia de seguridad"

Los riesgos pueden incluir:

- Tornado

- Materiales peligrosos
- Terremoto
- Tsunami

Las estrategias de seguridad pueden incluir:

- Evacuar al área de refugio
- Sellar el salón
- Agacharse, cubrirse y permanecer en esa posición
- Ir a un terreno elevado

A los estudiantes se les capacita en:

- Peligros y estrategias de seguridad adecuadas

A los adultos y al personal se les capacita en:

- Peligros y estrategias de seguridad adecuadas
- Dar cuenta de los estudiantes y adultos
- Informar sobre lesiones o problemas a través del método de tarjeta roja/tarjeta verde



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

ORIENTACIÓN PARA PADRES

En caso de que se produzca un incidente real, los padres pueden tener dudas sobre su papel.

PROTECCIÓN

“Entrar. Cerrar las puertas exteriores con llave”



La orden de protección se activa cuando hay algo peligroso fuera del edificio. Los estudiantes y el personal entrarán al edificio y las puertas exteriores se cerrarán con llave. La escuela podría exhibir el cartel que indique que el edificio está bajo protección en las puertas de entrada o en las ventanas cercanas. En el interior, se continuará con las actividades normales.

¿DEBEN ACUDIR LOS PADRES A LA ESCUELA DURANTE UNA SITUACIÓN DE PROTECCIÓN?

No. Se hará todo lo posible para llevar a cabo las clases de forma normal durante una acción de protección. Además, es posible que se les pida a los padres que permanezcan afuera durante la acción de protección.

¿QUÉ PASA SI LOS PADRES NECESITAN RECOGER A SUS HIJOS?

Dependiendo de la situación, quizá no sea seguro permitir la salida al estudiante. Si la situación avanza, la protección podría cambiar a una entrada monitoreada o salida controlada.

¿SE LES NOTIFICARÁ A LOS PADRES CUANDO SE PRESENTE UNA SITUACIÓN DE PROTECCIÓN EN LA ESCUELA?

Si la acción que dio lugar a la protección es breve o el peligro no es violento, como la presencia de un animal salvaje en el patio de recreo, quizá no sea necesario notificar a los padres durante la protección.

En las situaciones de mayor duración o peligro, la escuela debe informar a los padres que se ha incrementado la seguridad.

CIERRE DE EMERGENCIA

“Cerrar con llave, apagar las luces, esconderse”

La orden de realizar un cierre de emergencia se activa cuando hay algo peligroso en el interior del edificio. Los estudiantes y el personal están capacitados para entrar o permanecer en un aula que pueda cerrarse con llave y guardar silencio.

Se inicia un cierre de emergencia únicamente cuando existe una amenaza activa en el interior o muy cerca del edificio.

¿Deben acudir los padres a la escuela durante un cierre de emergencia?

La inclinación natural de los padres es acudir a la escuela durante un cierre de emergencia. Es comprensible, pero quizá sea problemático. Si existe una amenaza dentro del edificio, las autoridades policiales intervendrán. Es poco probable que se les permita a los padres acceder al edificio o incluso al campus. Si los padres ya se encuentran en la escuela, se les darán instrucciones para que también sean parte del cierre de emergencia.

¿Deben los padres enviar mensajes de texto a sus hijos?

La escuela reconoce la importancia de la comunicación entre los padres y los estudiantes durante un cierre de emergencia. Sin embargo, los padres deben saber que, durante el periodo inicial del cierre de emergencia, es posible que no sea seguro que los estudiantes envíen mensajes de texto a sus padres. A medida que se resuelva la situación, se les puede pedir a los estudiantes que informen a sus padres con regularidad.

En algunos casos, es posible que se evacúe a los estudiantes y se les dirija fuera de las instalaciones para realizar una reunificación con sus padres.

¿Qué pasa con los simulacros no anunciados?



La escuela puede llevar a cabo simulacros no programados. Sin embargo, no se recomienda en absoluto realizarlos sin anunciar que se trata de un simulacro. Ese tipo de simulacros no anunciados pueden provocar preocupación y estrés innecesarios.

Los padres deben reconocer que la escuela siempre les informará a los estudiantes, durante el anuncio inicial, que se trata de un simulacro.

Es importante conocer la diferencia entre un simulacro y un ejercicio. Se hace uso de los simulacros para crear la "memoria muscular" asociada a una acción practicada. No se trata de simular un incidente, sino simplemente de realizar la acción. En un ejercicio, se simula un incidente real para probar la capacidad del personal y el equipo.

¿Pueden los padres observar o participar en los simulacros?

La escuela recibe con agrado a los padres que deseen observar o participar en los simulacros.



Night at the Cemetery

- Tour of prominent people buried at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery
- Saints speak about their lives
- Mass
- Refreshments

September 17 & 24
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

For families, middle and high school students.



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