



Greetings K-8 Global Families,

Tomorrow, Friday October 22, the K-8 Students and Staff will participate in a School Safety Day. Throughout this day, students and staff will review all of the safety protocols here at school. Please note that we will have both an evacuation and lockdown drill tomorrow.

For the evacuation drill, students and staff will practice by walking to our evacuation location, Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We will not be entering the Basilica tomorrow. Different grade levels will be leaving the school at various times to avoid congestion, we will not be crossing any streets on the way to, or from the Basilica. Please send your child with a jacket or sweater tomorrow as the weather should dry, but cloudy and in the 50s.

The lockdown drill will take place at roughly 2:40 PM. We know that these drills can cause stress and anxiety for children and adults. Our goal as a school is to help children understand the importance of safety, without causing undue alarm or anxiety. If you wish to talk with your child about a lockdown, this article offers several talking points to help children prepare for emergencies or unexpected events, without frightening them.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/judith-simon-prager-phd/talking-to-kids-about-a-lockdown_b_4117330.html

Here at GCCS, we will teach our students the “PAL” acronym described in this article:

P is for PAUSE: First, pause and take a deep breath. Breathing helps your mind work.

A is for ADULT: Wherever you are at school, find a trusted adult. If you are in the classroom, stay there and find your teacher or other adult in the room. If you are outside, look for the teacher or other adult closest to you to tell you what to do and where to go.

L is for LISTEN: Listen to the adult’s instructions. The adult will know what to do and will tell you. This is trickier than a fire drill because depending on where you are, you won’t always go to the same place each time. You will know what to do if you listen. Also during this time, the teachers will lock the doors to their classrooms. When everything is safe, the adult will tell you that everything is all clear and we can go back to our regular school day.

Thank you for your continued support this year. We are looking forward to a successful School Safety Day tomorrow.

Sincerely,
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