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Dear SHS Parents,

Our highest priority here at Sacred Heart School is the safety and security of our students and staff. Here at our Interim Campus, until our fence is erected, we have been and are continuing to employ off-duty Rockport Police Officers who monitor our presence whether we are at school or at the church.

♥All classroom doors, modular restroom doors, and the Activity Center exterior doors are kept locked throughout the school day.

♥Our Pre-K, K, & 1st graders have restrooms in their classrooms. They are never allowed to move about the campus alone or be without adult supervision.

♥Students in 2nd-5th are not allowed to leave a building alone and are taken by teachers in groups to the restroom modular. Occasionally, groups are sent to the office, but only by permission of the teacher.

♥SHS performs regular drills: fire, tornado, lockdown, and lockout. Training for teachers and staff members is ongoing. A new Response Protocol currently used in many schools and businesses across the United States will be implemented in 2018-19. Parents will receive training information regarding these standards.

♥Faculty and staff have reviewed and completed a variety of online classes on the Diocesan Safe Schools Program website, and training for safety is ongoing.

♥Fire extinguishers are in place throughout the campus.

♥A Safety Team has been created to review and modify safety policies, safety drills, crisis planning and management, and communication procedures. Faculty members, parents, and law enforcement will serve on this committee.

♥Our school emails are filtered and google apps' site filtering constrains students' use of undesirable websites.

♥SHS works to be pro-active in regards to bullying and other student issues by celebrating positive behavior and accomplishments of our students.

We invite all of our families and friends to continue to partner with us in the education and safety of our students here on our campus and throughout the community. Please continue to report any safety concerns you may have to me. Let us continue to be vigilant and proactive in ways to keep our Sacred Heart School Family and visitors safe.

Together in Christ,

Kathy Barnes, Principal