

Corpus Christi Catholic School
920 Sumneytown Pike
Lansdale, PA 19446
“A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence”

February 8, 2019

Dear Parents:

As a school, we are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students and educators. Recently a new initiative was passed in Pennsylvania called Act 44. This initiative is mandated in all schools within the state and is called “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS).

“Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) is an anonymous reporting system. It’s a multi-faceted program that teaches students, teachers and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals within social media, especially, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. Secondly, the program hopes to encourage individuals to *Say Something* to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media.
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously through the S2SS Office of the Attorney General 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website.
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via a school-based multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams
- Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities and call-to-action weeks

Our students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing. We must empower them to know the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations are taking place on social media, therefore it is critical that we teach our students to be looking out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. S2SS teaches them what to look for in texts, videos and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

The S2SS program is being provided through Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. SHP’s programs are in 50 states – with 10,000+ schools and over 5.5 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age-appropriate and research-based. They also have funding to provide and sustain the program at NO COST to our school.

On Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Students in grades 5 through 8 will attend an assembly and be introduced to this program. A trained presenter from the Sandy Hook Promise Organization will facilitate this training. Each session will be approximately one hour. Fifth and sixth graders will attend the first session at 9:00 AM and seventh and eighth graders will attend the second session at 10:15 AM. Program materials will be placed on our website under the tab titled **“Safe2Say Something”**.

This initiative is implemented with the anticipation that S2SS will help stop school shootings, suicides, and gun threats; it will help reduce bullying and cyberbullying; help intervene upon cutting, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me directly.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Maureen Lafferty
Principal