

TO: Parents
FROM: Mrs. Hower, School Counselor / Christ the King School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: November 1, 2016

Christ the King School will present the first lesson of a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students during the month of November 2016. A follow-up lesson will be done in the spring of 2017. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Toledo, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Christ the King School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the “[overview](#)” and “[Teaching Boundaries Safety Guide](#)” so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program; both of these can be located on Mrs. Hower’s website: <http://howers2016.weebly.com>, under the Guidance Lessons section. *You can also access this information by scanning the codes provided below. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Mrs. Hower at (419) 475-0909, ext. 214. **If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Wednesday, November 9, 2016.**

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at www.virtus.org.

TSP Overview



Teaching Boundaries Safety Guide



*Please fill out the form below only if you **DO NOT** want your child to be present during this lesson. Another form will go out in the spring for lesson 2.*

Opt-out form for use with the *Touching Safety* program:

Christ the King School **does not** have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is _____.

Parent’s name (printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____