



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
The Catholic School of Bloomfield

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Archdiocese of Newark has implemented policies aimed at ensuring the safety of all children entrusted to our care and education within the Archdiocese.

These policies require that:

1. All must participate in the child sexual abuse prevention training program: *Protecting God's Children*, complete a volunteer application, sign an Archdiocesan Code of Conduct form. Almost all of our Home and School in-service activities involve working directly with children or even working in our facility when children are present. Therefore all parents are asked to please sign and return the forms and to enroll for participation in course. All forms can be found on the school website.
Failure to complete all of the requirements will prevent your participation in any of our Home/School or extracurricular programs.
2. All volunteers must complete a background check. When you enroll on *Virtus* for the first time you will be automatically prompted to read and sign (online) the *Archdiocesan Code of Conduct* and will be routed to *Verified Volunteers* for background check.
3. *Protecting God's Children* training is provided at various sites throughout the Archdiocese. Go to the Archdiocesan website www.rcan.org under Safe Environment for locations and times.
4. If your child will be participating in sports, you must read and complete the Athletic Guidelines for Elementary Schools. This may be found on our school website under Sports.

As always, the more closely we work together in this regard, the healthier our program.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer at St. Thomas the Apostle School and for joining us in our efforts to assure the safety of all the children entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,
Michael Petrillo
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Principal