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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Archdiocese of Hartford is committed to providing the safest environment possible for all minors entrusted to our care. As a result, the Archdiocese of Hartford implemented a program entitled Child Lures Prevention, an in-depth safety program which has been incorporated into the curriculum for children in grades 1 through 12. It is a powerful resource meant to protect the safety and well-being of your children.

The Child Lures Prevention program develops a basic understanding of the specific lures used in crimes against children and youth, and helps children learn proven prevention strategies. Saint James School presents the program, at an age-appropriate level, to all students in grades 1 to 8.

As quoted from the Child Lures Prevention Guide: "For any prevention program to be truly successful and effective, we must enlist the support and cooperation of the parents. The importance of parental involvement in prevention education cannot be overstated." Children are more likely to consider a program interesting and helpful if the conversations continue at home and on a regular basis. Home reinforcement of the Child Lures program helps to ensure that students will retain this valuable information and should be prepared to protect themselves.

The program is generally presented in the classroom as part of a religion lesson. Our teachers will notify families via email as to when this will take place for their students. **If you do not want your child to participate in the lesson, please email his/her teacher.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

The Saint James School Administration



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