

LAKEWOOD PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Parent Partnership Initiative

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Looking Forward to a New Year

A new school year brings lots of excitement and busyness. From organizing school supplies to managing before and after school routines, the start of the year takes much preparation! And while you are preparing for school, so are the LPCS School Safety Team.

As a school, we take great care to ensure the safety of your precious little (or big) ones every day. We hope the integration of monthly safety newsletters will aid in building parent partnership as we navigate the school year together!



August's Theme: School Safety

During the month of August, we stress the importance of safety drills at all grade levels. General School Safety Guidelines are presented to students, and Fire, Tornado, and Lockdown Drills are practiced within the first few days of school, as mandated by IN State Requirements.



School Safety Preparedness

What is School Safety Week and Why is it Important?

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In the state of Indiana, schools are required to perform school safety drills within the first few days of school. At LPCS, we use the first full week of school to educate students and staff about school safety guidelines and practice emergency drill procedures. We like to call this "School Safety Week."

During School Safety Week, there is a special focus each day on a specific emergency response. Evacuation, Tornado, and Lockdown drills are performed within these first few days.

Each class takes time to discuss what emergency procedures look like in each classroom, which ensures students feel competent and ready for an emergency should it occur during the school day. Special instructions are also given on how to respond during chapels, lunchtimes, and passing periods.

Along with emergency response drills, general safety guidelines are shared with students. Students are informed of visitor requirements, interior and exterior door safety, and what to do if they encounter an unsafe situation (ask an adult for help).

While we educate students to follow adult instructions in an emergency, we also empower students to be advocates for safety themselves. As the school year goes on, students become experts in their own right on school safety practices!

While we have School Safety Week during school hours, we encourage parents to have fruitful conversations about school safety at home. In this way, students can be encouraged that we care about their safety at school and at home!

Parent Partnership: Supporting School Safety from Home

- Talk to your children about safety drills and why they are important to practice
- Have a conversation about how safety drills may make them feel
 - Emphasize the importance of practicing safety drills to be prepared for an emergency
- In a real emergency, encourage children that parents will be notified and will be given instructions on how to pick up students as part of emergency response protocols
- As a parent, reflect on how you can practice safety on campus (safe driving, signing in at the front office, etc.)





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An update on things we have been doing to make things safer here at the LPCS:

- Secondary locks have been installed on classroom doors to ensure they cannot be breach during a lockdown.
- Security film on exterior windows has been updated
- A side-by-side UTV has been provided to assist in patrolling our 180 acre campus.

Maintaining school safety means staff, students, and families need to work together to protect our campus. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any information, thoughts or ideas to help with safety and security. If you see something say something. It takes all of us to keep us safe.

Romans 12:21 states: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Staff Feature

Hello Lakewood Park families. I hope you have had an amazing summer. As we start the school year, I would like to reflect on Galation 6:9. This verse states, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

The Action in this verse iterates that we should continue to live righteously, showing kindness, and helping others even when the effort feels unrewarding. The Promise of this verse is a metaphor for receiving God's blessing or reward. And the Condition is success in the Christian journey requires persistence and faith, even when the results are not visible.

I would like to give a couple of safety reminders for the start of the school year:

• Driving on Campus

- The speed limit on the boulevard coming and going from the school is 25 mph. Around the school the speed limit is 15 mph. Please be vigilant of your speed at all times.
- Be aware of traffic directors during pick up and drop off and follow their instructions.
- Please refrain from using handheld devices while driving in the parking lot. If you need to use your phone, use the hands free setting.

• Visiting Campus

- If you plan on being in the school during school hours please check into the front office first.
- If you are assisting with classroom activities or you are having lunch with your student, you should have a background check on file.

First 30 Seconds

The Active Shooter Problem
America's Four Decades of Failure to Adapt
What America Must Change to Minimize Victims



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Gun violence is a hot topic, especially when it pertains to schools. This resource provides guidance and explanation on how safety procedures can be improved for our modern age.