LAKEWOOD PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Parent Partnership Initiative

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Fall at Lakewood

Autumn at LP is one of my favorite times of year! Being surrounded by a pallette of warm hues and (sometimes) a crisp breeze is a welcome comfort during the busy season.

Comfort is where we would like to rest, but are you and your family prepared to respond to an emergency at home should one occur? Do your kiddos know how to contact you if they don't have access to their contact list? Some helpful resources are provided in this newsletter that can assist you in developing your own home safety plan.

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November's Theme: Emergency Contact Information

During the month of November, we are encouraging students to memorize and become familiar with their own Emergency Contact Information (parent phone numbers, home address, home response plans, etc.).

Emergency Contact Information

Emphasing the Importance of Being Informed on Family Emergency Information

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If you are as old/older than I am, you will remember a time where calling your friend required you to memorize their phone number. Saving a contact onto a “home phone” was top of the line technology to my home in the early 2000s. Remembering phone numbers and addresses was a habit ingrained into many of our brains at a young age, which is a skill that the younger generations haven’t had the necessity to learn, as they have been able to access this information with the press of a singular button.

While many of our students are at least familiar with knowing how to call a parent, quite a few need assistance with getting phone numbers to contact a parent, or even how to use the school phone.

In an emergency, muscle memory is key to acting fast to call for help. Should an emergency occur at home, children should be famliar with their home address, names of 2 to 3 emergency contacts and phone numbers, and how to explain an emergency if calling 911.

For younger kiddos, using a play phone to practice calling 911 helps build that muscle memory and confidence on how to respond in a scary situation. Parents of older children should have conversations about who their emergency contacts are and work on memorizing those phone numbers, as well.

All children should have conversations about what an actual emergency is and what your “family emergency plan” consists of. Below are some helpful tools for preparing your children for an emergency at home.

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Emergency Planning

All Students

- Discuss when it is appropriate to contact 911, don't hang up until instructed to do so*
- Memorize parent phone numbers, one other phone number of an adult outside the primary residence

Elementary

- Discuss what an emergency is and how you are prepared for an emergency as a family*
- Use a pretend phone to practice calling 911
- Practice having phone conversations by calling family members or friends to get them used to communicating via phone

Middle/High

- Ensure children know the family emergency plan and emergency contact phone numbers*
- Remind older children if adults don’t answer the first time, leave a message before hanging up or trying again



**underlined points are hyperlinked to helpful resources*