

Safe Environment Training for Parents

This is an opportunity to learn more about the Children's Safe Environment Training, *Think First and Stay Safe* and the Netsmartz workshop in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Join other parents in the Diocese of Bridgeport in discussing topics including, but not limited to: **child safety ♦ sexual abuse prevention ♦ internet dangers ♦ bullying ♦ abduction prevention ♦ technology safety.**

For more information, please visit www.bridgeportdiocese.com under Safe Environment/Continuing Education.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARENTS

August 10, 2017 or SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

(Children are not permitted at this session)

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. (Elementary School Curriculum K-8),

6:15P.M. – 7:15P.M. (High School Curriculum 9-12)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARENTS TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILD

Nov. 18, 2017 (pre-registration required) **OR** **March 24, 2018** (pre-registration required)

Children must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian and are only permitted to attend a session that is appropriate for their child's age/grade level

Grade Kindergarten: (35 minutes)	Time: 9:00 A.M. - 9:35A.M.
Grades 1 & 2 (45 minutes)	Time: 9:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Grades 3 & 4 (45 minutes)	Time: 10:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Grades 5 & 6 (45 minutes)	Time: 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Middle School Grades 7 & 8 (45 minutes) Time: 1:00 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

High School Grades 9-12 (1 Hour) Time: 2:00 P.M.-3:00

LOCATION: THE CATHOLIC CENTER Address: 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606.

Your Facilitator will be Bernadette Griffen, L.P.C, Safe Environment Program Assistant. Pre-registration is required to ensure that you are notified in the event of any changes or cancellations. **Please register by email or call no later than 48-hours prior to the date of the training.** Office: (203) 416-1650 Cell Phone: (475) 988-5366 email: bgriffen@diobpt.org.

Dear Parents,

This year's Safe Environment training provided by the Diocese of Bridgeport will continue in all of our schools using the *Think First & Stay Safe*. The training will take place in our school the week of February 19th. Safe Environment training teaches students important safety skills to help children recognize and safely respond to early warning signs of unsafe situations in their environment. The *Think First* program is delivered by a trained counselor in age appropriate groups as we have done with great success for the past 13 years. If you have any questions about the program please call Bernadette Griffen (203) 416-1450 or Erin Neil (203) 416-1406. For more information you may also go to www.childluresprevention.com and www.bridgeportdiocese.com under Safe Environments.

In the Diocese of Bridgeport we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. It is important to know that classroom sessions are intended to assist you as parents by reinforcing and strengthening the safety information that you are teaching your child at home. Prior to the program, we ask that you review the safety information from your parent guide with your child. If you are new to the school this year the parent guide will be sent home to you in the next few weeks. If you did not receive a guide in the past, please contact the school office. **Personal safety training for children is most effective when it is taught and reinforced over time and your participation in this effort is critical.**

If for any reason you *do not* wish for your child to participate in Safe Environment training during the 2017/2018 school year we must receive the opt-out form below signed by you no later than February 1st. If we do not receive this form by this date your child will be permitted to attend.

Thank you for all of your assistance on this important safety initiative.

Principal

OPT-OUT FORM

Please sign and return this form to your School Principal
ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to participate

I was provided with the opportunity to preview the Safe Environment Program for Parents and Children and I received the *Think First & Stay Safe Parent Guide* so that I may teach this information to my child at home and I agree to do so. I **do not** wish for my child to attend Safe Environment training at this time.

Name of School: _____ Town: _____

Name(s) of Children and Age: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) _____ Signature: _____

Comments/Questions: _____
