



*Sts. John and Paul School
280 Weaver Street
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Dear Parent/Teacher/School Employee,

This is our annual letter on asbestos. Although we may not realize it, asbestos is a common material in almost every building in our society. It is a fireproofing material and it is found in floor tiles. It is used as an acoustical material to deaden sound. Under certain conditions, however, when it is damaged, asbestos can prove to be a concern.

A number of years ago, the inspection of our school revealed asbestos-containing material. It is, as the Environmental Protection Agency states, "Important to note that not all friable asbestos containing material need be removed from schools. Once such material has been identified, a program can be implemented to insure that the material is maintained in good condition, and that appropriate precautions are followed when the material is disturbed for any reason."

Since the original inspection, we have taken steps to remove any asbestos from public areas. Any asbestos currently in the building is properly contained and in enclosed crawl spaces. As for the installation of new Smartboards, the walls in the following classrooms do not contain asbestos: Rooms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, RR, Castle

We have an asbestos management program in place at Sts. John and Paul School. Our custodian has an asbestos handler's license and an inspector from the Archdiocesan Building Commission conducts an on-site inspection at least once a year.

In any student access area where friable asbestos has been detected, environmental engineers have inspected and evaluated the situation and we have implemented their advice in order to insure the ongoing welfare of students and staff and to assure that no student or staff member will be exposed to unsafe levels of friable asbestos. The Archdiocese has spent over 10 million dollars in the abatement of asbestos since 1983 and will continue with its commitment to provide a safe environment for our students and employees.

Sincerely,

Fatima deCarvalho-Gianni
Principal