

## February 6, 2019

## Dear Parents,

As a school community, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff continue to be our foremost priority. With direction and support from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Catholic Education, Holy Trinity Catholic School will begin implementing the Safe2Say Something (S2SS) program. S2SS is part of ACT 44, a law that was signed into effect on June 12, 2018, by the PA General Assembly that contains multiple enhanced provisions for school safety and security.

S2SS is designed to help students and school staff recognize risk factors and signals of those who may be a threat to themselves or others. From a student perspective, S2SS teaches students to treat every warning sign seriously and to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult and/or by reporting it anonymously to the Pennsylvania S2SS Crisis Center via telephone, mobile device, or website. The program is based on the following three-step system:

1) An anonymous tip is submitted via one of the following options:

Website: <a href="https://www.safe2saypa.org">www.safe2saypa.org</a>
Tip Line: 1-844-SAF2SAY

3. Mobile App

- 2) All calls and tips are received by the 24/7 S2SS Crisis Center.
  - 1. An S2SS Crisis Center analyst receives and reviews tip information.
  - 2. The tip is triaged and categorized as either life safety or non-life safety.
  - The tip is then sent to school officials and law enforcement / 911 call center (as needed) via text, email, and/or phone call.
- 3) School officials and law enforcement intervene and/or offer assistance.
  - School officials and law enforcement (as needed) investigate, assess, and intervene with reported at-risk individuals.
  - School officials report their outcomes into the Safe2Say Something platform and close out the tip, ensuring accountability for every tip submitted.

The S2SS program and curriculum are fully funded and managed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office through a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization working to improve school safety. The curriculum is designed to be age-appropriate and research-based.

In the coming weeks Holy Trinity Catholic School will educate staff on S2SS and hold S2SS assembly programs for students in grades 5-8. Materials and related resources specific to S2SS are available at <a href="www.safe2saypa.org">www.safe2saypa.org</a>. Thank you for your support as we continually work to ensure the safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

Holy Trinity Catholic School Administration