

Virtus Opt Out

Sacred Heart Academy will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students in November 2016. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all full time students at Sacred Heart Academy. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to review the “overview” and “lesson plan” available at www.virtus.org so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program (lessons are also available at the Academy Office). If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Barbara Menardie at bmenardie@sacredheartgr.org. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child's teacher ASAP.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-out form for use with the *Touching Safety* program:

Sacred Heart Academy does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is _____.

Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____