

VIRTUS OPT-OUT

Sacred Heart Academy will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students K-12th grades (fulltime and CEC) in two lessons taught in the fall and spring of this school year. The creators of *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 lessons are being offered to all 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 Plans 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 lessons, please contact Noelle Divozzo at ndivozzo@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 the Academy office 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 children:

Name _____ Grade _____

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Parent's name (printed): _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Opt out of: Fall Lesson _____

Spring Lesson _____