## LETTER TO PARENTS: Children & Youth Personal Safety Program High School Grades (9 -12)

## Blessed Trinity Parish Religious Education Program

August 23, 2017

Dear Parents,

The safety of your children is always uppermost in your mind. We have taken many additional steps in recent years to do our part in ensuring that your children will be in a safe place when they are participating in a program in Blessed Trinity. All of our staff and volunteers have received the required background checks and training. We are implementing a program to help your children recognize the steps they can take to keep themselves safe. Lesson plans have been prepared for different age groups among the students. *These lessons will be presented on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 before Open House.* You are welcome to attend. We are also providing an information sheet for you that may help you with matters that can affect your own children.

You are encouraged to spend some time reviewing this information yourself, and then sitting down with your children. Each of the "rules" noted contains some application to common sense safety tips that you may share with your children. Other parts of the "rule" apply to some of the decisions that you make as parents for the safety of your children. A question and answer segment provides some suggestions on how you can best address these concerns with them.

Naturally, household policies change during these years of high school to reflect a growing maturity and sense of responsibility on the part of your son or daughter. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

The basic point is that parents need to be involved with their children. The more you know about the daily events of your children's lives, the better you are able to spot any danger signs that may surface. The more regular your communication with your children, the more free they are to come to you with their concerns.

May our Lord bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

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