

TO: Parents
FROM: MADONNA High School
SUBJECT: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
DATE: October 2, 2017

Madonna High School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 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 students at Madonna High School. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide: A Guide for Caring Adults, Parents, or Guardians* so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. Also there is a link to *Protecting God’s Children-An Overview of the Touching Safety Program*. The links to these guides can be found at www.weirtonmadonna.org, click on Prospective Families, click on Catholic Identity. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Amy Granato 304-723.0545. 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 **no later than Monday, October 16, 2017.**

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:

Madonna High School 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: _____