



Dear Parents:

During the week of the Feb. 21st, 2012 St Stephens, St. Peters & St. Cecilia Schools will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project. As parents concerned about the safety of your children, we hope you will join with us in participating in this program.

The CAP project aims to prevent child assault by teaching children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations, and by training teachers and parents to help prevent the victimization of children. The program has three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in service, and individual classroom workshops for children in Kindergarten , 4th grade Elementary and 7th grade Teen CAP.

Our parent program will be held at St. Peters Pastor’s Hall on Monday, February 13th 2012 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. This program includes information on child sexual assault, identification of child assault victims, reporting of abuse, and crisis counseling skills. There will also be a detailed description of the children's workshop.

The classroom workshop consists of guided group discussion of children’s rights and role plays designed to help children recognize and cope with potentially dangerous or uncomfortable situations including child against child (bullying), adult stranger against child, and assault involving a known adult. The Kindergarten workshop presents an additional role play regarding siblings and uses pictures, dolls, and songs in a developmentally appropriate way to describe personal safety rights. Discussion helps children identify what options they have to protect themselves. The strategies presented are self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of the school community. Because we encourage children to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important for parents and school staff to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. As part of the Diocese of Camden School District community, we invite you to attend the CAP parent program.

Sincerely,

KEEP THE ABOVE LETTER AS A REMINDER!

----Please return this slip **ONLY** if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Project.

Thank you.

I **DO NOT** want my child _____, to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Project workshop at _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____