



# St. Benedict's

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## MEMO

**TO: Parents**  
**FROM: Fr. Maximilian Buonocore, Safe Environment Coordinator**  
**SUBJECT: Opportunity to "opt your child out" of the *Touching Safety* program**  
**DATE: October 28, 2019**

St. Benedict's Preparatory School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Touching Safety* program, to our students in November and February 2020. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Newark, 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 St. Benedict's Prep School which includes the Elementary Division (Grades K-6), the Middle Division (Grades 7-8), and the Prep Division (Grades 9-12). As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the "overview" by [clicking here](#) so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program. Also, you can request a copy of the "lesson plan". If you have questions about the program or about the lessons, please contact Fr. Maximilian at the email address or telephone number provided above. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the "opt-out" form attached to this memo, and return it to Fr. Maximilian no later than November 10, 2019.

For more information on the *Touching Safety* program, visit the VIRTUS *Online*™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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

St. Benedict's Preparatory School does not have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child whose name is

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Parent's name (printed):

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Parent's Signature:

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Date:

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