

Dear Parents,

At the KCSJ Catholic School System, we are dedicated to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all of your children and our students. However, harassment, threats of violence, misconduct, and other stressors have become serious challenges to schools across the Nation, and, unfortunately no school is entirely immune.

We believe in partnering with our parents and other resources in the community to combat these uncomfortable and unsafe situations because these situations can arise anywhere – at school, after school, at home, and even online – and they can have lasting impacts on the learning environment and well-being of our youth. We must work together to take immediate actions and help our students.

To help us with these efforts, the KCSJ Catholic School System has implemented a web-based incident reporting tool called TIPS. TIPS is a comprehensive platform for reporting, tracking, and documenting incidents and concerns. TIPS empowers students, parents, faculty, staff, neighbors, visitors and all other community members to be heard and to safely report warning signs and trouble. The goal of TIPS is prevention and to help identify red flags and warning signs before an incident occurs or escalates.

Please Note: *This program is a pilot program for participating schools (listed below) beginning August 2017. It is anticipated that all Catholic Schools in the Diocese will participate in 2018.*

- St. Peter School
- St. Pius X High School
- St. Michael the Archangel High School
- Bishop LeBlond High School

If you or your child ever needs to report a concern, please visit our website www.stpiusxhs-kc.com and click on the TIPS Incident Report button (shown below). All reports are confidential and can be submitted anonymously if you choose. As soon as a report is made, all of the appropriate personnel will receive an immediate notification of the report, review the report information and take appropriate actions to intervene and/or prevent escalation.



By working together, we can help prevent incidents from occurring and ensure the safety and security of our students. **With TIPS, students and parents can report:**

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| ▪ Bullying | ▪ Suicidal Ideation |
| ▪ Cyberbullying | ▪ Suspected Abuse |
| ▪ Drug/Alcohol Abuse | ▪ Suspected Self Harm |
| ▪ Harassment | ▪ And any other concerns |
| ▪ Sexual Misconduct | |

This site is not meant to replace all communication between parents and the KCSJ Catholic School System, but rather to help ensure that concerns are heard and received by the proper personnel who can provide an accurate and thorough follow-up. If you are more comfortable sharing your concern in person or over the phone, or if you or your child has an immediate concern, please call us at (816) 453-3450

Thank you,

The Administration of St. Pius X