



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Bishop Chatard Parent:

The summer issue of the National Catholic Education Association magazine *Momentum* had an article written by St. Mary Angela Shaughnessy titled, [“School Safety Issues: What We Can Learn from Parkland.”](#) Last week, the *Indianapolis Star* had a front page article on new policies and procedures concerning school safety that area schools had put in place after the Noblesville shooting.

Sister Mary writes, “As long as people have free will, the potential for both amazing goodness and unbearable evil remains. All any of us can do is work to ensure that we have policies, procedures, and structures in place to lessen the opportunity of a great tragedy.”

With that in mind our safety committee, after meeting multiple times this summer, has approved a few changes to our policies and procedures with the goal of making our community safer. While our safety plans contain information that should not be made public, we wanted to make you aware of a major change concerning entry to our school during regular school hours.

Beginning this school year, all guests arriving at Bishop Chatard High School between the hours of 7:50 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. will be required to enter through Door 1 (BCHS main entrance from Crittenden Ave.). This door will be monitored by Mr. Vince Lorenzano, Director of Safety. Guests will be greeted by Mr. Lorenzano and required to sign in. Once guests have signed in, they will be directed to the main office where Mrs. Gaffney will assign guests a badge, and student helpers will usher them to their destination. When guests have finished their appointments or business, they must again report to Door 1 to sign out.

Mr. Lorenzano will be at a mobile information desk equipped with a computer and a two-way radio. Mrs. Gaffney will still have the ability to remotely grant access to people at Door 1, Door 10 (athletic entrance from the parking lot), and Door 16 (St. Benedict Center main entrance). If a student arrives late, he or she should ring the door buzzer and enter via Door 1 or Door 10.

Please understand these changes have been made with the safety of our students in mind. While allowing only one entrance to be used by guests during school hours might be viewed as an inconvenience, we believe it enhances our security and keeps our students much safer.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Joe Hansen, Principal
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