

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Dear BMS Families,

As part of our continued effort to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, we will be conducting a series of emergency/safety drills next week in both buildings. In addition to regular fire/severe weather drills, I would like us to do periodic evacuation and lockdown drills in calm, sensitive, and developmentally appropriate ways. The primary focus and content of communication to our students will be rooted in preparedness and being proactive.

Coupled with our various safety/security measures and phased enhancements (occasional School Resource Officer (SRO) presence, VOLO staff/law enforcement alert system, incoming additional HD cameras, several improved door locking mechanisms, numbered entrance identifiers being installed soon, incorporation of radios to facilitate communication among admin and key staff across campus), teacher-developed classroom safety plans and intentional preparedness drills will be a part of what we do for the safety of everyone at BMS.

These measures have been developing carefully over the last few years with input and involvement from professionals and local authorities. Our faculty and staff have been a part of this every step of the way, and we appreciate your support as we work together to ensure our students have a safe and protected place to learn, grow, and thrive. While we trust in God and do not live in fear, we must be informed, prepared, and have solid plans in place as we continue partnering with you.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our number one priority!

Yours In Christ,

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