

December 11, 2023

Dear St. Anne's families:

St. Anne's School is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System to strengthen our school safety program for students and faculty. This will take effect on Wednesday, January 3rd as we return from the Christmas break.

Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon being granted entry to the building, visitors will be asked to present an ID, such as a Driver's License, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can use any form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sex offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those permitted entry to our school simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students.

We also continue to work closely with the Nassau County Police Department of Homeland Security, and the Garden City Police Department to shore up security within and around our building. Their presentation at our recent faculty meeting, and their support and guidance in helping us shore up security within and around our building are very much appreciated.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to enhance our school's safety protocols in the interest of the entire St. Anne's School community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas J. Fasano
Principal

Cc: Mrs. Ann-Marie Zino, Assistant Principal
Msgr. Thomas J. Harold, Pastor