

St. Michael the Archangel (Lucy Kuhn) will present a sexual abuse prevention program, called Empowering God's Children, to our students in grades K-6 during September and October. Mrs. McEntee will present the information to students in 7th and 8th grade. The creators of the Empowering God's Children™ program developed the Touching Safety program. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas 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 students in grades K-8 (7th and 8th grade lessons are provided by Mrs. McEntee) at St. Michael the Archangel school. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. **We encourage you to read the attached "overview", found at the bottom of this e-mail, so you'll be aware of the nature of the Touching Safety program.** If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Lucy Kuhn, School Counseling Consultant, Monday-Thursday 8:50-4:00, Fri 9-12:30. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please print and complete the "opt-out" form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher no later than September 15th, 2023.

For more information on the Touching Safety program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website
<https://virtusonline.org/virtus/touchingsafetyprogram.cfm>

Opt-out Form for Touching Safety

St. Michael the Archangel School does not have my permission to present the Touching Safety program, to my child

Child's Name:

Parent's name (printed):

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: