

St. Genevieve Parish Schools

February 9, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week it came to our attention that several of our elementary school students were engaging in conversation in a private chat room. One of the students remarked that their older (adult) brother:

“is talking about shooting up the school and how bad this school is”

Our response:

- Informed the family and suspended the elementary student while we investigated
- Consulted with LAPD
- Consulted with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Conducted several interviews with various family members
- The interview with the adult brother was conducted with an officer from LAPD present

Response from all members of the family was overwhelmingly regret and sorrow for the alarm that was caused.

Response from the adult brother, in short, was embarrassment, remorse and wanting to make amends in any way possible for what he admitted was an “immature” and “stupid” statement he made to his girlfriend when he thought his sibling was not listening.

After an interview with LAPD, along with several members of our leadership team, a second interview was conducted with the brother along with several teachers.

At the conclusion, all staff members and LAPD officer who interviewed the brother and family members seemed satisfied with the explanation. It was agreed that it was not a credible threat.

The elementary student was suspended for several days and has been placed on probation.

We are in process of meeting with parents of other students in the chat room who read and responded to the statement...but did not come forward to alert their teachers.



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Elementary School**

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**St. Genevieve
High School**

Normally, we do not publicly disclose how we have handled disciplinary matters. However, in this case, we have made a decision to inform you in the likelihood you hear about the situation 2nd or 3rd hand, knowing that the facts often will get confused.

We know this is alarming information to receive. Before anyone asks if we can guarantee your child's safety on our campus, you probably already know that it is impossible to make that guarantee at any school. However, by being transparent with you on this matter, it is my hope, along with the hope of every employee at our school, that all parents and guardians will take an active role in monitoring their child's online presence. We are living in a rapidly changing world...changing technology and changing values. It is important that we adjust to the changing times while holding close our Catholic faith and embracing the six pillars of character.

Know that we are doing our best to keep our school a safe environment. However, we need your help. Social media can be a positive, and it can be dangerous. We ask every family to be aware of whether your child is using it positively or negatively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Horn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and the last name "Horn" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Horn, President-Principal