

# JOHN PAUL II REGIONAL SCHOOL

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## Subject: **A Message from the Principal**

Our thoughts are with those who have suffered loss in the terrible tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

While it is difficult to prevent all human behaviors, we as a school can mitigate the opportunities for tragedy. Our school is accessible only through locked doors. All visitors must enter through the main entrance and sign in. At all times our doors are locked from the outside and staff and students are able to exit the building in the event of an emergency.

At JP II we have a plan in place with information about evacuation and lock-down drills. We practice these drills monthly. My staff discusses these drills with age appropriate conversations. Procedures are reviewed with the staff and we have worked with local law enforcement in Stratford.

Only staff are permitted to open doors. Our students are forbidden to open the door even though they may know the person. We will continue to stress this and ask your support as often parents are upset as they are in a hurry to get in and out of the building. Even in the morning, as children enter the building there is an adult on duty by the doors who must direct any visitors to the main office. We are doing this for the safety of your children and the entire staff at our school.

We will continue to make our students feel safe and will assist them by answering their questions. We do have a counselor available should any child need her services.

Please keep this community in your prayers!

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