**Dear St. Regis Parents,**

Our hearts are broken for the parents in Uvalde, Texas who lost their children in the horrific school shooting yesterday. It was an incomprehensible act of evil.

As a school, we never stop identifying new ideas and resources that could help make our school as safe as possible.

For continued awareness, below are some of the steps we have implemented for building security.

* We have eleven school cameras tracking entryways and all of our school external doors are locked. The only entry point for visitors is the front door. Our front door has a camera and visitors must be buzzed into our vestibule. They then must be buzzed into the main office. The doors into the school have 3M film on them, so visitors cannot see down our front hallway.
* All our classroom doors are locked on the outside during the school day. When a teacher closes his/her door, the door locks behind them (they do not have to lock it with a key).
* Each room has an emergency supply bag, including a window-breaking tool.
* This year our faculty and staff had two emergency response/active-shooter training sessions (since January).
* All students from preschool through eighth grade participate in safety drills throughout the year in compliance with Oakland County. This includes lock down drills. In our lockdown drill, teachers sweep the halls and bathrooms to get students into classrooms. Students are moved out of visibility. Doors are locked and lights are turned out.
* This year we had the Bloomfield Hills Police Department speak with our Academy students on how to best respond in an active shooter/emergency.
* On January 13th, 2022, Ok2Say presented to our Academy. Ok2Say is a police tip line, where anyone can anonymously report any concerning behavior(s).
* We purchased Nightlock security door stoppers for the entire building and pull-down shades, both of which will be installed this summer.
* We have a full-time counselor for any student needing social-emotional support.

Perhaps our greatest defense against school violence is reporting concerning behavior and getting students proper emotional care. Creating a safe and secure home life and helping kids stay emotionally healthy is critical. When students feel loved, supported, and safe they can seek help when needed and are more prone to making better decisions behaviorally.

We will continue to partner with law enforcement and experts for guidance, support, information, and any services they can offer our school, as well.

The saying, “It takes a village,” means more now than it ever has before. We are a community and must *all* be *vigilant* when it comes to the safety and well-being of our children.

May God hold the families at Robb Elementary in His hands.

May God bless and protect our school and provide us with wisdom and love in all circumstances.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

**In Christ,**

**Mrs. Brydges & Mrs. Sofran**