



# STAR Catholic School Division

## Emergency Response Preparedness

### Information for Parents

The following is to assist our parents in understanding how they can assist during an emergency.

#### **Emergency Priorities:**

During an emergency, STAR Catholic's first priority is the safety of our students and staff, together with communications with our parents and the safe re-unification of students and parents. STAR Catholic will inform our parents as quickly as possible where the **Re-Unification Staging Area is located and how quickly they can safely reunite with their children.**

#### **What can parents do?**

Parents need to refrain from going to the school during a school emergency, as arrival at the school may impede the access and efforts of emergency responders or expose themselves and their children to danger. *Parents should proceed to the Re-Unification Staging Area as instructed.*

In the event of gas leaks, do not try to contact your child via cell phone as the use of electronic devices may cause an ignition of the gases and is dangerous in such events.

#### **The following Emergency Protocols have been developed to keep our staff and students safe:**

##### **Hold & Secure:**

- School is locked to keep the threat out.

##### **Lockdown:**

- School and rooms are locked to isolate the threat or incident.

##### **Gas Leak:**

- Staff and students will either hold a shelter-in-place or evacuate depending on the specifics of the gas leak.
- Electronics can pose a danger during a gas leak and are not to be used.

##### **Fire Evacuations:**

- Staff and students will be evacuated in the event of fire.

##### **Severe Weather:**

- This usually means high winds, tornadoes, ice storms or blizzards.
- Students and staff will remain at the school in these events, as the school is the safest place.

Please contact the principal for additional information.