



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

School Year 2020-2021

TO: All Employees and Parents/Guardians of Saint James School
FROM: Nancy Naimey, Principal and Msgr. Rene Mathieu
DATE: August 31, 2018
SUBJECT: Pests, Pesticides and Your Right to Know

PEST CONTROL

Because pesticides pose risks, Saint James School uses an alternative approach to merely applying pesticides. Control of insects at our school focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for pests. We will also routinely monitor the school to detect pest problems and prevent pests from becoming established. Some techniques we will use include pest monitoring, sanitation, pest exclusion, proper food storage, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

PESTICIDE USE

Sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the lowest risk products available. If higher risk pesticides must be used, notices will be posted at application sites and parents, guardians and staff have a right to know.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Parents, guardians and staff will be notified of specific pesticide applications made at school. Notifications will be given at least five (5) days before a planned pesticide application. Pesticide application notices will also be posted in school and on school grounds. Notification need not be given for pesticide applications recognized by law to pose little or no risk of exposure to children or staff.

Saint James School also keeps records of prior pesticide applications and information about pesticide use. You may review these records and a copy of the school's IPM policy and the Pesticides in School Regulation (CMR01-026 Chapter 27) by contacting our IPM Coordinator, Peter Lyons, at Saint James School. Mr. Gornick may be reached by telephone at: 207-282-4084.

For further information about pests, pesticides and your right to know, you may call the Board of Pesticides Control at: 207-287-2731 or visit the Maine School IPM website at: www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/schoolipm.