

September 12, 2018

Integrated Pest Management Notice for School Year 2018-2019

To: Parent, Guardian, and Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Saint Thomas the Apostle School has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Policy and has implemented an (IPM) Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventative approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM policy included with this notice. All Schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school. The IPM Coordinator for Saint Thomas the Apostle school is:

Ms. Joanne Kowit

School Phone # (732) 251-4812

School Address 333 Route 18 south Old Bridge, N.J. 08857

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member or student attending the school.

Also, The IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school. As part of the school pest management plan at Saint Thomas the Apostle School may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Agency, (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP), register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with the instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Never the less, the (EPA and (DEP) can not guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following items must be included with this annual notice

1. A copy of the school or school districts IPM policy
2. The date, time and place of any meeting if one is to be held for the purpose of adopting or modifying the school IPM policy or plan.
3. A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the last 12 months on the school property.