

Yesterday's Shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Our Emergency Preparedness, & Some Helpful Resources

Dear HFGS Families, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends,

We are saddened by the events that occurred yesterday at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. Please know that if your child has any questions or concerns after learning the situation, we have our Counselor, Mrs. Justine Plocher, Coach Karl Johnson, our Homeroom Teachers, and school administration to help assist in processing the news information.

We also would like to assure you that the safety of your child and all the members of our staff is our top priority. We will practice our lock down safety procedure today and will continue to review our emergency preparedness procedures in place. We also urge everyone to speak up if they see or hear anything that could represent a potential threat to school safety.

I am attaching some important resources to help guide us.

Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>

Managing Your Distress in an Aftermath of a Shooting

<https://www.apa.org/topics/gun-violence-crime/mass-shooting>

Talking to Children About the Shooting

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/tip-sheet/talking_to_children_about_the_shooting.pdf

Mental Health and Well-being

<https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/mental-health-resources/trauma-disaster>

Please join us in keeping the Nashville community in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Dr. Suelto