



St. Simon Stock School

Safe Schools & Positive Climate Initiatives

Bill 13: Accepting Schools Act, *February 2013* – Definition of Bullying

Bullying is always the result of someone being judged and mistreated for being different in some way (sometimes intentionally and sometimes unconsciously); most times it begins with a conflict which then escalates into a case of discrimination wherein people use 'difference' to retaliate (i.e., racial, gender, age, etc.). The literature calls this 'escalatory' bullying.

What Do You Do when You Are Being Bullied?

- ❖ Tell them to stop, then walk away
- ❖ Get OFF LINE immediately
- ❖ Tell an adult - REPORT
- ❖ Tell your parents
- ❖ Call the help line
- ❖ Call Police
- ❖ Take control - be your own advocate

Need help?

1-800-668-6868

kidshelpphone.ca

Other Helpful Sites:

Peelpolice.on.ca

Nsteens.org

Think Before You Post Online

“What You Type Has a SERIOUS Impact on Others”:

- ❖ Is permanent
- ❖ Can be proven
- ❖ Can hurt others
- ❖ May lead to loss of privileges - clubs, teams
- ❖ May affect your future - education, job, sports
- ❖ Only type and talk to your friends and family

Do's	Don'ts
Be a friend, report and defend	Watch and do nothing
Use computers to be friendly	Use computers to bully
Type kind words	Type harmful words
Communicate with your friends	Communicate with strangers
Include others	Humiliate others
Be respectful	Cause emotional stress
Recognize differences as positives	Isolate others

What We Are Doing As A School!

- * Virtues Program - Catholic values are celebrated each and every month
- * Awards - recognizing Virtues and efforts displayed
- * Artists in the School - positive messages i.e. Eric Walters, Ray Kingmore, Loretta Penny
- * Scientists in the School
- * Classroom Discussions -through Religion and Family Life curriculum
- * Announcements - frequent faith-filled messages, St. Simon Stock Student Prayer, Daily Prayers, and Reflections
- * Police Involvement - Community Education Office and Neighbourhood Policing Unit
- * Police Presentations - Anti-Bullying, R.A.I.D. and Internet safety programs
- * Internet Safety Tips & PED (Personal Electronic Devices) policy
- * Anti-Bullying Initiatives – Michael Eisen, Huddle Up, School Song
- * Safe School Committee - including students, parent representation, Child and Youth Worker & Peel Health Nurse, staff and administration
- * Leadership Opportunities - PALS Program - Playground Activity Leaders in Schools – students promote inclusion, modeling and solving conflicts, Kids Now, Student Council - multiple initiatives i.e. spirit weeks
- * Church/School Connection – masses, sacraments, liturgies, monthly Rosary Apostolate, Marion Celebrations, sacred spaces, outreach programs, Youth Faith Ambassadors
- * Eco Initiatives – Boomerang Lunch, Take Me Outside Day, DPA, Lights Out Tuesdays, Earth Hour, the Big Gulp, the Big Crunch, Ban the Bottle, Walking Wednesdays, Recycled Art, Eco Christmas Songs, Ecological Focus throughout curriculum
- * Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity - We Are One Conference, Black History Month presentations
- * Catholic School Council - review and monitor safety concerns
- * Staff, Social Workers and Child and Youth Workers support positive social interaction