

## Praesidium/Called To Protect Opt Out Information

Every year we provide our students with abuse prevention skills that they can use virtually anywhere – school, home, sports, band, clubs, teams, and in all interpersonal relationships.

Called to Protect is a self-protection training program that uses DVD's, facilitated discussions, and interactive activities to teach youth:

- What their emotional, physical and behavioral boundaries are
- Ways that child abusers try to violate these boundaries
- How to report abuse that has happened or is happening to them or someone they know

The program, developed by Praesidium, the national leader in abuse risk management, is not sexual education. The content has been written and developed by experts and is age-appropriate based on the child's age/grade. To learn more about the program please visit:

<http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/praesidium.html>

We recommend all youths have the opportunity to learn these valuable skills. As a parent, you have the option of requesting that your child not participate in the program. If you choose to opt out your child please send an email to the PSR Coordinator, Danette Richards, at [saintanthonypsr@ameritech.net](mailto:saintanthonypsr@ameritech.net), stating that you do not want your child to participate in the Called to Protect program. Children who are present on the day of the lesson, but whose parents have sent the opt out e-mail, will be provided with other activities. You may also choose to keep your child home on the day of the lesson. Thank you for your support!