## Shaler Area Middle School

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To the Parent/Guardian of: Middle School Student

## **Dear SAMS Families:**

For the past five years we have seen a dramatic increase in violent events in schools across the country. Many people have voiced concerns and we continue to take the safety of your children very seriously. With that in mind, we are planning the first of our annual drills for your children this week. We currently use a nationally recognized program for this training. The plan is part of our emergency operations plan and has been used for the past several years. It is very effective in reacting to many possible emergency situations.

We will go over the procedures with the students in separate grade level assemblies followed by the drill. This will occur this week. Again, this is only a drill and necessary for our community to prepare and train. Our intent is to prepare them for potential threats and hazards. Several agencies will be involved to evaluate us, including our School Resource Officer and other emergency personnel.

If you wish to have your student opt out of this training, please notify the office via e-mail or phone call by Thursday morning, November 15, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 412-492-1200 + 8 + ext. 2501 to talk with one of us or email directly at the following: <a href="mailto:stennette@sasd.k12.pa.us">stennette@sasd.k12.pa.us</a> or <a href="mailto:howards@sasd.k12.pa.us">howards@sasd.k12.pa.us</a>.

Sincerely,

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