

Dear Riverside Parents & Guardians,

The safety and welfare of students and staff are the highest priority at Riverside. We practice safety drills throughout the year to help prepare staff and students for real emergency situations.

On Tuesday (9/10), the Riverside Crisis Management team (administration, school police, guidance counselors, nurses, teachers, and staff members), in partnership with the North Sewickley Police Department, will conduct a district-wide lockdown drill.

The district conducts “Lockdown Drills” throughout the school year. This type of drill secures our school buildings and safely shelters all students and staff inside the building.

The purpose of this drill is to keep our students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a lockdown drill, all perimeter and interior doors of our school buildings are locked and remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To ensure everyone remains safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until the authorities authorize such a release.

Our school has worked closely with local authorities and representatives from the Beaver County Emergency Management Team to correctly develop and implement safety procedures. The goal of practicing emergency drills throughout the school year is to improve our ability to protect students, save lives and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills.

*Please note: During a real emergency, parents and emergency contacts of students will be notified during and after the event by administrators through Skyalert (mass notification system) via phone, text and email system. It is important that your contact information is accurate. You may update your contact information via SKYWARD. If you need assistance, please contact Marissa Tallon at 724.758.7512 ext 3005. It is important that parents and emergency contacts do not attempt to contact the school, teachers or their students during an emergency as that could impact everyone's safety.*

Your child may talk with you about our drills and it is important to talk with your child about why they are important and what they learned. Our goal, while practicing important safety procedures, is to be sure all students feel safe.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call us.

Mr. Michael Brooks,  
High School Principal