



JOHN PAUL STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Northside Independent School District and John Paul Stevens High School staff and administration are committed to your child's safety. In addition to the many safety measures our district and campus has in place, we are pleased to announce the formation of the John Paul Stevens High School Crime Stoppers Program. Campus Crime Stoppers is a partnership with San Antonio Area Crime Stoppers and Northside Independent School District Police. It is a unique program to encourage students to become involved in keeping their school safe.

Typically when a crime occurs on a high school campus, someone has information that could help solve the crime. Those are the people who can call the Campus Crime Stoppers anonymously and provide a tip that will help campus administration and police identify those responsible.

In any investigation, campus administration and police encounter students who will not directly provide information. The key reasons are:

- Fear of reprisal
- Reluctance to get involved

Campus Crime Stoppers breaks through these barriers by giving students the opportunity to provide information without directly speaking to campus police or administration and without having to testify in court.

Cash rewards from Crime Stoppers also motivate some people to call anonymously with information that will be vital to investigators.

Examples of calls that could be made to Campus Crime Stoppers:

- A student has knowledge that another student is in possession of an illegal drug / weapon on campus
- A student witnesses a fight and reports the actors
- A student witnesses an act of theft or vandalism and reports the actors

Campus Crime Stoppers wants students to be aware that they can report these violators without fear of retaliation. They can call the Campus Crime Stoppers tip-line at **669-8970** to report a violator. Students do not have to give a name. The student will be assigned a case number. If an arrest and / or the recovery of stolen items results, the caller will be eligible for a reward up to \$100. Information on any other serious criminal activity will be rewarded based on the nature of the information and the nature of the crime.

As parents, you can talk to your child about this program. Make it clear that you support school policies and rules that help create a safe place for all students to learn. Our success depends on your help as your child's first teacher.

Thank you for joining our efforts to make sure all students have the opportunity to excel, learn and thrive in a safe and positive learning environment.

Sincerely,

Harold Maldonado, Principal

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