

Emergency Preparedness



In light of recent developments in North Korea, please know that Mount Carmel School is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone in our school family. To that effect, we continue to monitor the situation and will notify the public and everyone in our family of what steps we will take, if any, depending on what happens.

However, should an eventuality emerge, please be advised that this is what we will do:

Mount Carmel School will...

- **LOCK DOWN:** The school will shift into an immediate Lock Down. School teachers, staff, and administrators have been trained to ensure the safety of children during the Lock Down. Also, during the Lock Down, each classroom will be equipped with adequate provisions to ensure the safety and welfare of children.
- **COMMUNICATE ON RADIO STATIONS:** The school will provide updates and share information about the situation primarily through local radio stations.
- **COMMUNICATE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA:** If possible, the school will also provide updates and share information via the school's website and the school's social media outlets.
- **EVACUATE:** As soon as it is determined safe by emergency authorities, the school will announce evacuation procedures to guide parents and guardians in picking up their children. For any evacuation, please talk with your children ahead of time to identify a pick-up zone on campus. Select one of three pick-up zones: the Building C entrance (just north of the Cathedral), the Building B parking lot (just south of the gym), or the Maturana parking lot/driveway (on the northeast corner of campus).

Parents should...

- **LISTEN TO THE NEWS. DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL:** During the Lock Down, parents and guardians are discouraged from calling the school or their children as doing so may overload the island's telecommunications infrastructure and impede the work of emergency response personnel.
- **BE PATIENT. WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN:** Parents and guardians should not drive to school to pick up their children. Doing so not only jeopardizes your safety, but may exacerbate traffic congestion and impede the work of emergency response personnel.
- **STAY SAFE. LISTEN FOR INSTRUCTIONS:** Parents and guardians should ensure their safety by taking cover in a designated shelter area or, if one is unavailable, in a concrete structure. Stay in that area and await further instructions from emergency response personnel. Expect to stay inside for at least 24 hours unless otherwise notified by authorities.



Lastly, as with most emergency situations, each family should be prepared. The American Red Cross recommends that you:

Get a kit.

The kit should include:

Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
 Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).
 Flashlight
 Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)

Extra batteries
 First aid kit
 Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
 Multi-purpose tool
 Sanitation and personal hygiene items
 Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home,

passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
 Cell phone with chargers
 Family and emergency contact information
 Extra cash
 Emergency blanket
 Map of the area

Make a plan.

1. With your family or household members, discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
2. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how you will work as a team.
3. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible.

Be informed.

1. Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or websites.
2. When a major disaster occurs, your community can change in an instant. Loved ones may be hurt and emergency response is likely to be delayed. Make sure that at least one member of your household is trained in first aid and CPR and knows how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). This training is useful in many emergency situations.
3. Share what you have learned with your family, household and neighbors and encourage them to be informed.

With faith and preparation, we will do all that we can to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone in our school family. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, feel free to contact us.