**TO: Parents and Staff**

**FROM: Julie Pritzel, Principal**

**DATE: August 2018**

**RE: Asbestos, Water and Herbicides/Pesticides Annual Notice**

**Asbestos**

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), in 1990 an inspection of our school buildings was performed for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans have been on file in the office of the Parish Business Manager since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of asbestos materials every three years. On June 14, 2018, an accredited asbestos inspector from FiberTec Industrial Hygiene Services, Inc., under contract with the Diocese of Lansing, performed the most recent inspection and informed our School that we have met their recommendations and that our buildings are safe.

The finalized results of that re-inspection are due by the end of September, and all other re-inspections, are on file in the Parish Business Manager’s office. Everyone is welcome to view these at any time, by appointment, during normal business hours. The Parish Business Manager, Michael Scott, is available to answer any questions you may have about asbestos in our buildings. He may be reached at 734.821.2111.

**Water**

As part of our ongoing program to monitor the drinking water here at St. Francis of Assisi, I am pleased to inform everyone that our drinking water at St. Francis of Assisi School came in below EPA regulated guidelines for lead and copper. On February 20, 2018 at 6:00 a.m., we sampled first draw samples from eight drinking fountains/food prep sinks located in the school, PAC, gym and the church. All samples came in either undetectable or had a minimal reading. According to our most recent test results, St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School is of high quality and safe for human consumption.

The method of collecting the samples was provided by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Samples must be first draw after resting for at least eight hours or more. The samples were shipped the same day as tested to the Michigan DEQ located in Lansing, MI on February 20, 2018. Water was tested two days later on February 22, 2018 and results were sent to St. Francis of Assisi Parish on March 2, 2018.

If you would like a copy of our most recent findings, please contact the Parish Business Manager at 734.821.2111.

**Herbicides and Pesticides**

Herbicide and pesticides are not routinely applied at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. If an herbicide or pesticide is necessary and the situation is a nonemergency, parents will be notified at least 48 hours before application. If the situation is an emergency, the parents will be notified immediately.