

AND WE keep our campus safe THAT WAY

Throughout the school day, our campus security team works hard to help students feel secure.

EINSTEIN NAVARRO, has been the head security guard at the school for the past four and a half years. Through a pandemic and outside threats to our community, **MR. NAVARRO** has made sure that every student and staff member has stayed safe. Our school's spacious outdoor campus means that anybody could walk onto campus at any time. This can make school security harder, **MR. NAVARRO** explains, "If I see a person on campus, I have to approach them asking them what their business on campus is. I have to make sure people walking use the pedestrian paths and that if someone has business on campus, they check in." This year lanyards have been implemented so that it is easier to distinguish who is supposed to be on campus. This means that **MR. NAVARRO** is also in charge of monitoring students who forget their ID. He also deals with another form of identification, student's car registration stickers. "It's a privilege to park on campus, if a car is not registered it's my responsibility to give them a ticket," he says. Past the bullet proof vest you will find that **MR. NAVARRO** cares for the school community deeply. "I've been in a lot of security jobs in different areas but Saint Francis treats you like family. I mean we're talking about all the way from the CEO to the facility guy, they talk to you with respect and treat you like a brother and sister. The students are respectful, they call me 'sir' and they're never rude." After working here for so long he has seen our school go through many changes. In regards to the 2021 bomb threat at our school **MR. NAVARRO** said, "That experience helped us come up with a way to make the evacuations more efficient. First is communication, we use a code if we don't want to broadcast what the situation is. Everyone has a place to go, we don't want kids running around like crazy if something dangerous happens." With the safety of others first, **MR. NAVARRO** embodies the Holy Cross standard we all strive for.



safety in ALL MEASURES

Identification and emergency preparedness are some other ways our educators keep us safe on campus.

"Teachers remember to check for lanyards while doing attendance" can be heard over the morning prayer and announcements every day without fail. But it hasn't always been like this. This summer, the administration met with the Moreau Board, a group of students who help make decisions, to discuss the introduction of an ID policy. Now, everyone is required to wear a lanyard on campus. It must be worn around their neck and be visible at all times. Although it is another thing to remember in the morning and maybe another reason to get detention, lanyards are helping students out. Due to the implementation of the lanyard program, the dress code has become much more lenient. Dean of students, **KATHRYN MILLER** explains, "We've actually become remarkably more lenient about our dress code because of the ID policy." Some of the changes include being able to wear brand name products or unnatural hair colors.

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The policy also has the benefit of safety. Moreau Board member **BROOKLYN O'BRIEN '25** explained how the ID policy increases safety on campus: "Lanyards are mostly a safety thing. So they can identify who's meant to be on campus and who's not. Because it's an open campus and we don't have gates blocking off everything." This new policy has greatly improved safety at the school, and it offers many benefits besides just the safety of students. According to the Franklin Central School District, schools that have implemented ID badges have been shown to have a stronger sense of unity among students, which led to a decrease of bullying over time. ID badges also give a much simpler way for people to buy school products, such as snacks or books. This incentivizes students to wear their lanyards, which gives students a more seamless and efficient process for accessing products around campus. Despite some pushback, the benefits of this new policy seem to far outnumber the negatives. Lanyards are here to stay!

