

Advisory to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools and day care centers that may apply pesticides on school or day care property must provide an annual advisory to parents/guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Charlton Heston Academy utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergent application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is applied to the school or day care grounds or building during this school year.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods. The first method will be a posting at the main entrance to the school/day care center, located at _____ . The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

- Posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center, other than an entrance. We will post in the main offices.
- Email
- A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of the school or center or a message that is recorded on a voicemail.
- Providing the students of the school or day care center with a written notice to be delivered to the parents or guardians.
- Posting information on the school or day care website.

Please be advised that parents/guardians of students attending are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formation, by first class US mail postmarked three days prior to application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive this notification by mail please contact the office for the appropriate form.

Please be advised that parents/guardians of students attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.