



Dr. Craig Winkelman thanks Barrington Police and Fire for their support during the 1st Annual Safety Week in 2018.

Barrington 220 Kicks Off School Year with Safety Week

During the week of September 23–27, 2019, Barrington 220 will hold its 2nd annual Safety Week. The goal is to raise awareness about school safety among Barrington 220 students, staff, and community members. Quintessential Barrington spoke with Dr. Craig Winkelman, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Schools & Operations, to learn more about the initiative.

QB: *How did the idea of an annual “Safety Week” begin in Barrington 220?*

CW: After the deadly Parkland School Shooting in February 2018 and the nationwide school walk-outs that followed in the Spring of 2018, in Barrington 220 we wanted to create a large scale community conversation and awareness surrounding school safety. During a crisis situation, it is important for our district stakeholders to work together and we want to make sure we’re providing our community members with the appropriate information to facilitate that.

QB: *What events and activities are planned for the 2019 Safety Week?*

CW: Each day of the school week has a theme and schools will participate in drills and activities that are connected to that theme. In addition, we will be collaborating with our local law enforcement to hold an online safety forum, where people can ask questions and get answers in real-time.

QB: *What new safety measures were implemented in Barrington 220 at the start of this school year?*



A member of the Barrington Fire Department trains a Barrington 220 staff member on first aid protocol.

CW: In the summer of 2019, the district purchased a new radio communication system, which improves radio coverage at each school, allows administrators at different schools to communicate with one another via radio during an emergency, and it gives the district the ability to use an emergency call button that is connected to local dispatch centers.

At Barrington High School, all visitors now have to enter the building through a new secure vestibule entrance on the lower level of the



BHS students participate in a school evacuation drill during the 2018 Safety Week.



Students, staff, and law enforcement participate in a school evacuation drill at BHS during the 2018 Safety Week.

building, to the left of the main entrance. This enables high school staff to check in visitors, before allowing them to gain access to the entire school. Students and visitors can no longer use the main entrance to the high school, once the school day begins.

District-wide, we are fortunate to work with the Barrington Rotary Clubs, which are raising money to purchase a Stop the Bleed kit for every classroom in the district. Our staff members have been trained to use these advanced first aid kits, which will give them a jump-start to treating student injuries, before professional help arrives.

QB: What are some additional safety measures Barrington 220 has taken in recent years?

CW: Over the past 10 years we have worked hard to enhance the safety and security at our schools in several ways. For instance, all our schools have electronic door systems and vestibules that require an identification card to enter. Each school also has emergency devices, as well as surveillance cameras to monitor suspicious activity. Entryway doors and windows are covered by a protective film that makes it more difficult to shatter the glass.

In the fall of 2018 the district named Jim Hawrysko, a former dean at BHS, the "District Safety and Security Coordinator". This is a new position which oversees safety and security measures at all schools across the district.

In addition, in the summer of 2018 we installed a universal key system that allows teachers to lock the door from inside their classrooms, rather than having to go out in the hallway where they could potentially put themselves at risk during a crisis situation.

For the 2018-19 school year, every vehicle used to transport students was upgraded with cameras and parents and staff can now track the location of school buses, using an app connected to a GPS device on the bus. Information tablets were also installed in all buses in the summer of 2018 that include routing and student information.

To learn more, visit the "Safety 220" section of the Barrington 220 website at barrington220.org/safety220



Barrington Rotary Club Sources Lifesaving Medical Kits for Barrington 220 Classrooms

Craig Winkelman holds one of the Stop the Bleed medical safety kits.

THE BARRINGTON ROTARY CLUBS are partnering with Barrington 220, Barrington Fire Department, and local preschools to make sure every classroom in the Barrington area has a lifesaving medical kit called "Stop the Bleed". Each kit costs \$38 and contains tools such as a tourniquet, gauze, and surgical gloves. According to experts, having an advanced first aid kit available during an active shooter incident, or any other serious catastrophe, allows an injured person to be treated for 7-10 minutes prior to the arrival of emergency personnel. That can be the difference between life and death.

The Barrington Rotary Clubs have already purchased 184 kits. Now they are trying to raise \$16,340 to purchase 430 additional kits. This will ensure that every classroom in the Barrington area, in both private and public schools, has a kit. Public areas such as the library and parks will also get a kit. "The Barrington Rotary Clubs asked me what our most critical community need was," Barrington Fire Department Chief Jim Arie said. "I explained that our focus is saving lives and the need for "Stop the Bleed" kits. The Barrington Rotary clubs immediately stepped up to help." To sponsor a "Stop the Bleed" kit, or for more information, log onto STB-Barrington.com



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2019 Safety Week Theme of the Day

Sept. 23: Emphasis on Relationships

Sept. 24: Weather Emergency Drill

Sept. 25: Law Enforcement Drill

Sept. 26: School Evacuation Drill

Sept. 27: Transportation Safety

Safety Week Facebook Live!

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 at 7 p.m., join Barrington 220 administrators, Board members, and local law enforcement officials for an online conversation about safety in Barrington 220 schools. To participate, head to the Barrington 220 Facebook page: www.facebook.com/barrington220



October is National Bullying Prevention Month

STAND FOR THE SILENT ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION

Presented by Humanity Rising and BStrong Together

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Barrington Area Library

6:30 p.m.

Audience: Students 13 years old through high school, parents, and all community members. Register for this event through the Barrington Area Library.

Millions of students across the country are impacted by bullying. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among teens. Local organizations Humanity Rising and BStrong Together are hosting a powerful anti-bullying community event at the Barrington Area Library this October.

Kirk Smalley, featured in the film "Bully", lost his 11-year-old son to suicide. Kirk shares his moving story and empowers young people to put an end to bullying through kindness and respect through his Stand for the Silent assemblies.

Over 1.5 million students (and adults) have experienced a Stand for the Silent assembly. Stand for the Silent assemblies are life-changing, even lifesaving, for many.

ABOUT HUMANITY RISING AND BSTRONG TOGETHER

Humanity Rising inspires and empowers students to make a difference in their schools and broader communities, and awards scholarships and other rewards for outstanding service. Bullying is one of its many social causes. BStrong Together is a community coalition that collaborates to provide programs and resources to support students, parents and others in raising happy, healthy, resilient, responsible, adaptable, self-sufficient, and self-aware youth prepared to face the complex world of today and the future.