

STRICTLY safe

After an outbreak of shootings and security breaches at other schools, administration revised safety procedures to better protect the student body

The administration changed several safety procedures. They added emergency ready buckets. They changed the school security system. They changed fire drills. They added a security guard. They changed their strategy to catch vapers.

"You and I both know what happens in the bathrooms. So the doors being propped open is directly the best strategy that we have at this point, to try to prevent people from doing that," Officer Gillespie said.

Rather than exiting the building when the fire alarms shriek, procedure now requires that everyone in the building goes into a lockdown - lights off, doors locked, students away from all windows- before going to their class's evacuation location.

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"I think the way they do the fire drill system now is way better than it was before. It makes the students feel safer. For example, if there was a gunman to come into the school during a fire drill, the lockdown part is one more thing to try and stop the gunman. I also think it's a smarter way to do the fire drill altogether," Riley Lookadoo '21 said.

Following several school shootings, the district has equipped each classroom with a bucket that includes necessities in case of a prolonged lockdown.

"I hope I did all that work for them to never be used and that they sit in the cabinet and nobody will ever see them and never come out, that's truly what my hope is with those," Dean of Students Jordan Ivey said.

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■ kitty litter

Can be poured into bucket and used as a portable toilet.

■ gloves

For contact with bodily fluids.

■ table cloth

To be held by two people as a privacy drape if someone needs to use portable toilet.

■ bottled water

Can be used with sugar for low blood sugar and plain for high blood sugar.

■ smarties candy

"Fast acting sugar" for students and staff with low blood sugar.

■ feminine products

Used for feminine hygiene or first aid.

■ gauze

To be used to wrap a wound or injury.

40 MASS CASUALTIES in August alone according to The Gun Violence Archive.

4.1 MILLION students went in to lockdown last year according to The Washington Post.

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