



## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM**

We have recently developed a Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee that consists of twelve trainers from the fields of daycare, custodial, library, faculty, administration, pastoral and parents. We will have four basic rules that will fit into our existing behavior policies.

**Rule #1:** We will not bully others.

**Rule #2:** We will help students who are bullied.

**Rule #3:** We will include students who are left out.

**Rule #4:** If we know that someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

This program will start in August 2010 and continue for many years to come. It is our hope to make our parents aware of this program during our Open House in September. Our definition of Bullying is "Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself/herself."

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is:

- Designed for ALL students
- Preventive AND responsive
- Focused on changing norms and restructuring the school setting.
- Research-based
- NOT time-limited: Requires systematic efforts over time

Why are we addressing bullying in Jordan Catholic School?

1. For students and their futures
2. For a healthy school climate
3. For the larger community
4. For the purposes of risk management for schools
5. It's a wise investment