

## Explanation for Early Dismissal at St. Mary School

An incompatibility of cleaning products used in our school kitchen caused a chemical reaction on Friday morning. After notifying the Burlington Police and Fire Department, as a precautionary measure, a directive was given to evacuate the building. With uncertainty as to the timeline when the students could return to their classrooms, a decision was made to notify parents and dismiss early. Following the investigation, the building has now been deemed safe.

Eight staff members were taken to Burlington Memorial Hospital to be checked for possible side effects. We are grateful that all have been released without any complications.

The Department of Health was notified, and we are following their instructions to clean the area. They will be here to inspect the kitchen early Monday morning before any food preparation can begin.

Staff and students dealt with the situation in an exemplary manner. We are grateful for the efforts of the emergency response personnel.

School will be in session on Monday, October 22. Although this was an unpleasant disruption, we are very thankful that no one was injured and that all of our students were safe. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.