

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice
For School Year 2007-2008

Dear Parent, Guardian or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Union Catholic Regional High School has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinators for Union Catholic Regional High School, located at 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 are:

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The IPMCs maintain the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPMCs are available to parents, guardians, staff members and students for information and to discuss questions regarding IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan Union Catholic Regional High School may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The school's IPM policy is available on the school's website at www.unioncatholic.org, student handbook, faculty handbook and in the main office.

