

Internet Safety

“The best way to protect your kids online is to talk to them.”

www.onguardonline.gov

Facebook

This site seems to be the number one most used site by students everywhere. Did you know that a child has to be 13 to legally have a profile posted on Facebook’s site? It’s important as a parent to have access to your child’s accounts (if he/she has them). Some students have 300+ friends on their profiles; do they really ‘know’ all of these people? It’s important to find out!

Below are a few helpful tips to ensure your child is safe while online:

- Remind your kids that once they post information online, they can’t take it back.
- Use privacy settings to restrict who can access and post on your child’s profile.
 - Review your child’s friends list.
 - Tell your kids not to impersonate someone else.
 - Create a safe screen name.
- Help your kids understand what information should stay private.
 - Know what your kids are doing.

* This information can be found in Net Cetera, a booklet that each St. Monica family will be receiving Monday Oct. 24th (today!) Parents please discuss this information with your children at home and stress the importance of being safe and smart on the internet.

* Officer Hryniewicki is speaking this week Tuesday to those students in the 7th grade during their Guidance class to discuss this very important topic.

* Mrs. Weckwerth will be working with 3rd through 8th grades on internet safety with age appropriate lessons. “Our goal is to empower students to make wise choices.” Mrs. Weckwerth uses <http://www.isafe.org/> as a guide for her lessons and has attended I-safe presentations.

