



We Walk by Faith

In the Lab...

I can't believe the year has come to an end. I wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for the opportunity of being a part of your child's education at StMM. When I think back to where we started 24 + years ago, we have come a long way.

I would like to thank the PTO and those individuals who have supported our Technology Plan here at St Margaret Mary School over the years. Your financial support has opened so many opportunities for our students. A special thanks to our Technology Committee for all the hard work, to Harris Boyce to always being there in an emergency, and for all his hard work with the school web site and so many more things involving technology. I will miss all of you! Have a wonderful summer, enjoy your families and be safe!

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Please take a minute to view the Claymation Projects from our 8th grades at: 8B:

<https://youtu.be/k72tvaQSAZA>

8A: https://youtu.be/1_eMl8XXx20

It has been a great year with many fun projects, we have learned from how to use a Mouse in PreK to Microsoft Word Toolbar in most of the grades at different levels to Keyboarding in 4th Grade to multimedia presentations in many of the upper grades. 8th grades final project – Claymation is always a favorite.

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INTERNET SAFETY

Your child may be more tech savvy than you but don't let that intimidate you.

Communicate honestly about your concerns regarding their safety online. Check your Internet history log regularly and learn how the popular teen sites work (MySpace, Facebook, etc.) Go online yourself and get familiar with these sites.

It's never too early to talk to your kids about Internet safety.

Go online together, establish time limits, talk about which sites or activities online are allowed and which are off-limits.

INTERNET SAFE-SMARTS TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS

**You wouldn't leave the front door of your home wide open when your children are alone...
You wouldn't allow a stranger in your child's room and let them carry on a personal,
intimate conversation...**

1. Keep the computer your children use in a central, visible location such as the living room or family room – within your sight, NOT in their bedroom.
2. Talk frankly with your kids about what can be unsafe ONLINE. Explain that they wouldn't engage in personal conversations with people they don't know in "the real world", and the same rule applies while using the Internet.
3. Set reasonable limits for how much time children can spend online and limit the websites they are allowed to access.
4. Use your Internet Service Provider's parent controls and take advantage of the widely accessible content filters, pop-up blockers, and monitoring resources and software available to parents.
5. Learn which websites your children frequent and which websites are popular among kids and teens. Get familiar with IM/text slang: POS – Parent over shoulder, P911 – parent alert, LOL – laughing out loud, BBL – be back later, CUOL—see you online, GFN – gone for now, A/S/L – age, sex, location, CTY – see you tomorrow, F2F – face to face, LMIRL – let's meet in real life, WTGP – want to go private? (just to name a few!)
6. Talk to children about what personal information is and why you should never give it to people online. It's more than just name, address, or phone number!
7. Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering devices.
8. Explain to children that people aren't always who they say they are online. Remind them not to believe everything they read. Be sure to tell your kids they should never carry on sexual discussions online with anyone, especially people they don't know.
9. Find out where your child has Internet access... schools, libraries, community centers, friends' homes. Whenever possible, ask what kind of safety measurements are in place to protect children.
10. Check your Internet browser's history regularly to be sure there are no dangerous or inappropriate sites being visited.
11. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has a system for

identifying AND reporting online predators and child pornographers, and contributing to law-enforcement investigations. Report anything questionable to: www.cybertipline.com.

12. To learn more about internet safety for you and your family, visit these educational sites:

www.wiredsafety.org

www.connectsafely.org

www.cybertipline.com

www.webwisekids.org

www.netsmartz.org

www.kidsbesafeonline.com

Taken from: <http://safelyeverafter.com>

God Bless!

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