

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Staff,

As I am sure you have seen on the news in recent weeks, there have been highly inappropriate and unsafe social media challenges encouraging students to harm staff and destroy and/or vandalize school property. The Internet can be a wonderful place to learn, shop, play games, and talk to your friends. Unfortunately, it can also be a place that can create safety issues for our children and encourage them to make bad choices. Many kids are confident that they know how to be safe online. However, there are a few reasons kids are often more at risk. They may not always think about the consequences of their actions, which can cause them to share too much information about themselves. Social media can also be a hub for things like cyberbullying and questionable activities.

We will again be hosting Internet Safety presentations by Scott Driscoll from Internet Safety Concepts for students in grades 5-12 and for parents. Please see the information below for more specifics on these presentations.

Internet Safety Presentations for Students

Today's technology offers our students opportunities to communicate, learn and be entertained through a wide range of apps and programs. However, if students are not thinking about safety while they are connected there could be consequences. Whether it is sharing information with a stranger on a game app/site, cyber bullying others, sending pictures that may not be appropriate or posting images or comments on line, students need to be empowered to use technology with safety in mind.

Scott Driscoll from Internet Safety Concepts will be presenting to our students in separate age appropriate virtual presentations for grades 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 on Thursday, November 11th regarding the good and bad about technology and providing our students information to help them stay safe. Scott will be discussing social networking, cyber bullying, picture sharing, gaming safety, and how technology can impact their lives now and in the future.

Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

All parents are invited to attend a parent presentation regarding Internet Safety presented by Scott Driscoll the night before the student presentations on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707442087?pwd=Nkd2S1lrS241NWIKTG9uajdUbUhqZz09>

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For more information please see the attached flyer ~ [Parent Presentation Overview.pdf](#).

Again, I want to thank you for your continued partnership as we face these challenging times together.

Stay safe and be well,

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