

STUDENTS AND TECHNOLOGY

-POPULAR TECHNOLOGY

- Google
- Social Networks
 - Facebook, Twitter, Myspace
 - Instant Messaging (Facebook Chat, AOL)
 - Video Chat (Skype and Oovoo)
- Youtube
- Texting
- Video Games and World of Warcraft
- TV/Music



-PROS AND CONS OF TECHNOLOGY

Pro	Con
-Connected	-Isolated
-Instant Knowledge	-Unhealthy Information
-Creativity	-Physical Inactivity
-Business Tool	-Privacy Concerns
-Support System	-Unhealthy Information
-Relationship Building	-Predators, Cyber-Bullying

-BIG ISSUES WE CAN'T IGNORE

- Cyber-Bullying
- Sexual Predators
- Sexting
- Exposure to Pornography
- Careless Posting
- Isolation
- Adult Naivety



-IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY

- School
 - Shorter attention spans
 - Need for mental stimulation
 - Declining study and critical thinking skills

- **Family**
 - **Connected more, yet disconnected**
 - **Ability to have a secret life**
- **Relationships**
 - **Closer connection with friends**
 - **Dependency on a “middleman” for communication**
- **Communication**
 - **Learning to express themselves**
 - **Lack of discernment on what they**
 - **Not thinking of future ramifications**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ADULT DIGITAL IMMIGRANT

- **If your student has online accounts, you should learn or know their log-in information or at the least connect with their accounts.**
- **Set boundaries and time limits for phone and Internet.**
- **No computer usage in bedrooms.**
- **Educate yourself on new technology. Network with those who know about it.**
- **Monitor texting usage, numbers and the text themselves. (if you are suspicious of bad pictures being sent, get them a phone with no camera!)**
- **Discuss technology choices with students – teach them discernment.**
- **Have your whole family unplug for a set amount of time and encourage family growth. Do a one-month challenge!**

See resource handout for monitoring tools and advice

REMEMBER:

TECHNOLOGY IS A TOOL. IT HAS GOOD AND BAD PURPOSES. EMBRACE THE GOOD, PROTECT FROM THE BAD, TRAIN YOUR KIDS TO DISCERN.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT POSTING:

- ❖ **NEVER POST PERSONAL INFO (ADDRESS, PHONE #, ETC.)**
- ❖ **AVOID ALL CAPITAL LETTERS (AKA YELLING)**
- ❖ **NEVER TRY TO MEET SOMEONE IN PERSON THAT YOU MET ONLINE**
- ❖ **THINK "IS THIS SOMETHING I WOULDN'T MIND MY MOM, PRINCIPAL, PASTOR OR ALL OF MY SCHOOL SEEING?"**
- ❖ **REMEMBER, ONCE YOU'VE SENT IT, YOU CAN'T GET IT BACK AND IT CAN BE SPREAD AROUND.**
- ❖ **DON'T RESPOND TO EMOTIONAL MESSAGES FOR 24 HOURS**
- ❖ **ALWAYS LOG OUT**
- ❖ **NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSWORD**

SOME ACRONYMS ALL PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

AITR – ADULT IN THE ROOM
PAW – PARENTS ARE WATCHING
MIRL – MEET IN REAL LIFE
BF/GF – BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND
BFF – BEST FRIEND FOREVER
GTG – GOT TO GO
LOL – LAUGH OUT LOUD
PWN – PAWN (PRONOUNCED PONE), OWNED
W/E – WHATEVER
WTF – WHAT THE (EXPLETIVE)
GNOC – GET NAKED ON CAMERA
PRON – PORN
8 – ORAL SEX
143 – I LOVE YOU
ROFL – ROLLING ON THE FLOOR LAUGHING
FTW – FOR THE WIN
IMHO – IN MY HUMBLE OPINION
LMAO – LAUGHING MY BUTT OFF
FML – (EXPLETIVE) MY LIFE
OMG – O MY GOD
BRB – BE RIGHT BACK