

November 23, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please join me in welcoming Sarah Migas. Sarah is an Internet Safety Specialist in the High Tech Crimes Bureau through the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. On Tuesday, December 1st from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Belvidere Central Middle School cafeteria, Sarah will be presenting information concerning Cyberbullying, keeping your child's information safe on the internet, safe sites and parent resources. Her message is critical when managing your child's technological involvement concerning internet usage, texting, twittering and communicating online.

Sarah will also discuss information from the website titled, "Stop Cyberbullying." This site includes resources for kids, teenagers, parents and educators seeking information and advice about this serious technological trend. Cyberbullying occurs "when someone is harassed, humiliated, or threatened by another person using the Internet or a cell phone. Despite their benefits, these technologies make us vulnerable to bullying anywhere and at any time—through them, the bully can follow us home." For more information from this site, go to www.ebully411.com.

While attending this safety presentation, you will have an opportunity to fill out a TRREK in your child's name. A TRREK is used for positive behavior during your child's school day. If your TRREK is chosen, you will win a prize for attending this informative presentation. Your child will then be able to use the same TRREK to enter into our weekly drawing.

Prior to her parent session, Ms. Migas will present to students during three separate sessions. The 6th grade will work with Ms. Migas from 10:15-11:00 a.m., the 8th grade from 1:30-2:15 p.m. and the 7th grade from 2:20-3:05 p.m. Students and staff will be able to gather information, listen to real life stories and news events, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Please attend this valuable presentation. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kari R. Homb, Assistant Principal
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