Safe and Responsible Social Networking Online Resources for Students and Parents

<u>Common Sense Media</u> (www.commonsensemedia.org)

"Social media isn't simply a way of life for kids -- its life itself. To help them keep their online interactions safe, productive, and positive, we offer the most up-to-date research and guidance on social media basics. Learn about the latest apps and websites, and get tips on talking to your kids about sharing, posting, and avoiding digital drama."

*sign up for Common Sense Media's emails...they provide fantastic information and resources for parents on all aspects of online use and exposure

OnGuardOnline.gov

OnGuardOnline.gov is the federal government's website to help you be safe, secure and responsible online. It works in coordination with multiple government agencies including the Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security. It provides access to excellent resources to parents and kids, to help kids made safe choices online, and to help educate regarding the risks of new and growing online access and social media trends.

Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov/livinglifeonline)

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the nation's consumer protection agency. The FTC works to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace. This branch focuses on providing information, tangible resources, and activities to ensure that you are a knowledgeable consumer of information on the internet, and have an awareness of potential risks and scams.

www.internetsafety101.org

• **Enough is Enough** — "We have developed this site to: educate you about the dangers; to empower you with the ability to recognize the warning signs and with helpful ways to discuss Internet safety with your kids; and to equip you with the safety resources you need. We hope that you find this website and the other Internet Safety 101° Program resources helpful as you begin your journey to become an empowered protector of children!"

^{**}This site is for adolescents and older children and should be viewed in conjunction with open and insightful conversations with responsible adults. It contains information about serious topics to which children are being exposed online.