



## + INTERNET SAFETY +

### A Statement, and Resources for Safe Internet and Computer Use

St. Joseph Parish takes seriously the safety and well being of our staff, our volunteers, and especially the children who visit our parish and attend our school. Whether safety is in form of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, or in placing "wet floor" signs in areas that might be dangerous, we wish no harm to come to people who make this community work.

For this reason, we use a variety of levels of computer protection at the parish. We use virus protection software, a spam and spyware protection to protect the personal information of our staff, and to improve the efficiency of our computer system. St. Joseph Parish maintains on-going relationships with computer-software vendors and technology consultants to determine from year-to-year how best to deal with the moving targets of viruses, spam, and other dangers of the information age.

Centralized filtering software on our computers to block against websites known to pose potential content issues to youth, such as *myspace.com*, and others. These sites promote activities which have been deemed to create potentially unsafe situations for children and youth who may be using our computer systems.

Additionally, we provide for your reference, and the reference of your child, resources which are known to be useful for providing guidelines and safety. These are the same resources recommended by the *Archdiocese of Baltimore Information Technology* division, and *Loyola High School, Blakefield*, in Towson.

We pass these resources along to you, in the hope that you find them to be useful.

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## + RESOURCES +

### For Youth:

- Kids Internet Safety Sites:

- Get Net Wise [www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org)
- Teen Angels [www.teenangels.org/safety.html](http://www.teenangels.org/safety.html)
- Net Lingo [www.netlingo.com/emailsh.cfm](http://www.netlingo.com/emailsh.cfm)

“Get the scoop on those acronyms and tech shorthand your kids are using online. Learn about acronyms like ‘POS’ which means ‘Parent Over Shoulder’ that let other kids in the chat room know to change the conversation.”

- WebWise Kids [www.wiredwithwisdom.org](http://www.wiredwithwisdom.org)

“A great site for educators in schools looking for resourceful tools in the classroom.”

Contains:

### Internet Child and Parent Agreement

“A downloadable printout and safety guide and agreement that both parent and child sign.”

### The Safe-Surfing Contract for child and parent

“another source for a parent child internet safety agreement—another way for you and your child to sign and agree on how they will use the internet.”

### For Parents:

- Cyber Angels [www.cyberangels.org](http://www.cyberangels.org)  
The world's oldest and largest internet safety organization.
- FBI [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)  
Details risks involved in cyber communication.
- Not My Kid [www.notmykid.org](http://www.notmykid.org)  
A national not-for-profit devoted to educating individuals and communities about behavioral health issues facing teens today.
- Safe Teens [www.safeteens.com](http://www.safeteens.com)  
A place for teens and parents to learn how to use the internet safely.