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Dear Parents and Guardians of South Middle School Students:

Are you overwhelmed by the technology that is available to your children? Are you uncertain about whether or not to allow your child to have a Facebook account? Do you want to protect your child on the internet and screen their Facebook account to make sure that they are using safe practices but are unsure of how to do that? Do you wonder what your child is texting on their phone? Are you hesitant to get involved because you don't want to invade your child's privacy?

You are not alone. Social Networking has changed the way we live and communicate with one another. The explosion of Social Networking and cell phone usage has created a unique problem for parents of today's youth. We at South Middle School would like to help you with this by providing you with information and useful tools that will assist you as you learn how to protect and educate your children.

We have taken Sameer Hinduja and Justin W. Patchin's article entitled "Preventing Cyberbulling: Top Ten Tips for Parents" and embedded links to other articles that they have written or links to websites that are provided by the Eau Claire School District and others. This is by no means an inclusive list of the information that is available to you as parents. There are many more articles and links that are available and we would be happy to provide you with more information upon your request. Our effort with this article and the embedded links is meant to help you focus on a few key topics without becoming overwhelmed. We want to provide you with a couple of tools that will help you communicate with your child and set up guidelines for internet and cell phone use at home.

If you would like more information, please contact us.

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