Tweens, Teens, and Technology: Cyberbullying, Social Networking, and Other High Tech Challenges

PARENT PRESENTATION

Westland Middle School
Monday, January 6, 2014
7:00 pm

Pyle Middle School
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
7:00 pm

Westland and Pyle Parents are welcomed to attend either night’s presentation.

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Co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center

This presentation will cover a broad overview of cyberbullying, including issues parents, educators, and teens need to know about how youth use and misuse technology to cause harm to their peers. The presentation will define and provide examples of cyberbullying and discuss the role of teens and adults in preventing and responding to inappropriate online behaviors. It will also describe many of the online environments popular among adolescents today and strategies to use to make sure they are used safely and responsibly. Specific strategies for preventing and responding to cyberbullying will also be discussed.

Dr. Justin Patchin is a professor of criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. For over a decade he has been exploring the intersection of teens and technology, with particular focus on cyberbullying and social networking. He travels around the United States and abroad training educators, counselors, law enforcement officers, parents, and youth on how to prevent and address the consequences of cyberbullying. Dr. Patchin is Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center (www.cyberbullying.us) and has written four books and numerous articles on adolescent behaviors online. His co-authored book: “Bullying beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying” was named Educator Book of the Year by ForeWord reviews. His new book for teens “Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral” will be published in December, 2013. He has presented at the White House and the FBI Academy, and has appeared on CNN, NPR, and in the New York Times to discuss issues related to teens use and misuse of technology.