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Dear Parents,

As we continue in our effort to protect and educate children, we are pleased to announce the opportunity for parents to attend the Illinois Attorney General's Digital Safety Program. This program is for adults and it is different than the one being presented for students at St. Elizabeth School by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The program will be presented on **Monday, January 22, 2018, at Father McGivney Catholic High School**. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium and will conclude at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Today's youth integrate the use of digital devices into their daily lives and utilize social media apps to communicate with the world around them. Technology integration that encourages social interaction and self-expression presents new opportunities for youth. However, it can present challenges for both parents and teachers when it disrupts your homes and/or school environment. These challenges typically arise in student behaviors and or relationships, surfacing in the forms of cyberbullying, online drama, sexting, attention seeking, and/or oversharing personal information.

The Digital Safety Program will provide tips for parents. The presentation covers topics such as:

- maintaining open communication with children
- talking with your child about digital safety
- creating a digital culture in the home
- discussing passwords
- staying informed on children's internet habits
- being aware of changes in a child's behavior
- using a parent/child Internet Use Agreement

If you are unable to attend the presentation, but would like to learn more about how to keep your child safe online, please visit

http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/cyberbullying/for_parents.html for more information about this topic.