

Tech News

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**Important* SchoolSpeak Parent Information*

SchoolSpeak is coming!! SchoolSpeak is a school information system we chose that will better allow us to manage all school-related items. It will allow for improved communication amongst teachers, students, and parents. Things like classroom calendars, grade book, report cards, homework, announcements, lunch ordering, email, forms, and payments will be located in one central location. We will be sending out login information to parents before the Fall 2016 school year.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure you have sent us updated email addresses for those in your household who need to see school information at the following: (This is the email we'll send your SchoolSpeak login information to):

<http://tinyurl.com/hxmxdbu>

Would you like to see what SchoolSpeak is all about? Here is a parent overview:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/G-Apuor4SmQ?rel=0>

Chromebooks Coming to 4th Grade

We are excited to share with next year's 4th grade students the wonderful Chromebook experiences we have had in grades 5 through 8. Each student will be given a Chromebook to use throughout their school day.

SummerTyping Practice

Typing Pal is a fun typing program that was introduced to the students this year and can be used on any device. Students are welcome to practice anytime at home and play the typing games as well. Their login information is as follows:

URL: https://school.typingpal.com/index_ecole.asp?STSCSTJS

Username: classfirstnamefirstinitiallastname ie: 1jlaurenm

Password: firstname123 ie: lauren123

Cyber Safety Alert

A new study released by the **Center for Cyber Safety and Education** revealed that most parents of elementary and middle school students in the United States are not aware of the risks their children are taking online. The study found that children in both elementary and middle school visit sites their parents would not approve of **and** engage with strangers on-line and off-line more frequently than their parents know. Key findings from the study include:

- 40 percent of students surveyed said they connected with or chatted online with a stranger.
- 15 percent tried to meet with a stranger they first encountered online.