"TAKE AWAYS"

"Today computer telecommunications have become one of the most prevalent techniques used by sexual predators to share illegal photographic images of minors and to lure children into illicit sexual relationships. The Internet has dramatically increased the access of the preferential sex offenders to the population they seek to victimize and provides them greater access to a community of people who validate their sexual preferences."
Testimony of Deputy Assistant of the FBI Keith L. Lourdeau

1. To be a Bully or Cyberbullying is a personal decision of the student. Students must also realize that SILENCE, when others are being hurt, is not acceptable!
2. Never delete messages from a 'bully" you are deleting your evidence
3. There are over 700,000 registered sex offenders in the US and over 100,000 are missing. With States initiating "residency restrictions" for sex offenders, this has resulted in some sex offenders living "on the street".
4. There are over 100,000 sites that offer child pornography, with 20,000 new images posted weekly and 350,000 hits per day.
5. Never post your real name on any social site – once seen your name can be "Googled" and information will be found about you from other postings on the internet.
6. 89% of all solicitations occur in Chat Rooms.
7. The fastest growing age group using the internet is 2-5 YEAR OLDS
8. Parents must provide the same degree of oversight on their child's internet usage as they would for any other activity in which their child is involved.
9. 71% of teens receive messages online from someone they don't know!
10. Even though predators remain a constant threat to students, their inability to foresee the long term negative implications of postings through electronic means is becoming an ever increasing problem for them.
11. Once a photo escapes from the walled garden of a social network like Facebook, the chances of deleting it permanently fall even further. Google's caching system is remarkably efficient at archiving copies of web content, long after it's removed from the web.
12. 39% of teen boys and 36% of teen girls say they have had nude/semi-nude images originally meant to be private shared with them.
13. If students decide to use the internet to meet people they will be at risk.
14. One in five hiring managers utilizes the Web and social networks to screen new potential applicants. About one third of the applicants screened online were dropped from contention after inappropriate content was found on their profile
15. Of 320 colleges surveyed, 1 in 10 are now checking *FACEBOOK* and *MySpace* accounts when it comes to admissions and awarding scholarships.