# Cyber Savvy

Preparing our students to become responsible digital citizens!

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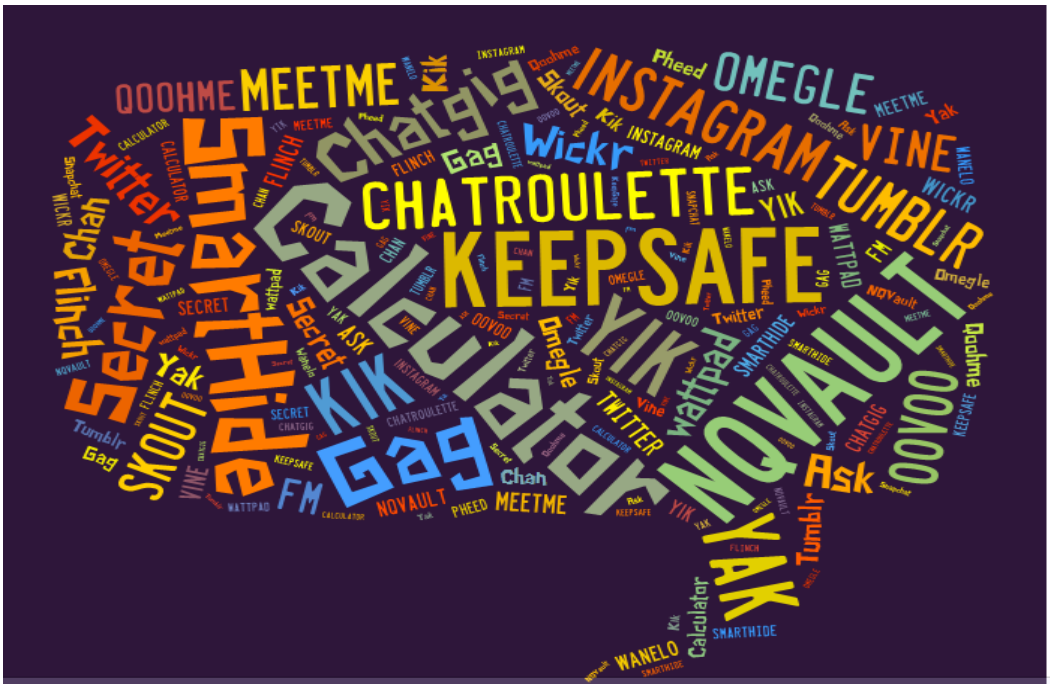
## School Counselor Highlights: Keeping our kids safe!!




## How tech savvy are you?

According to research (www.reuters.com), 52% of children are online daily for a minimum of 5 hours (games, chats, messaging, researching for school, etc). Do you know what your children are accessing online? Of the numerous icons whose names appear on the right, how many could you name and explain? Do you know if your children are accessing any of these sites?

Our children live in an ever changing technology based world. It is in their best interest that everyone involved in their lives (at home and at school) investigate that world, learn as much as they can about it, and learn the technology language in order to better help them navigate through that world.

Although we don't have students using these sites and apps at school, the school is often impacted by the "cyber choices" that our students make outside of school. We have had instances of cyberbullying, aggressive behavior, sexting, and inappropriate posts to YouTube. Often the instances take place at home, but are then brought into the classroom, causing disruption to the instructional day. It is the intent of this monthly newsletter to bring to light information about the various sites and apps our children know about and are using, so that we can have more informed conversations with them. It is also the intent to offer information about issues related to our students' cyber use, such as cyberbullying.

The ultimate goal is to keep our children safe by helping them to become responsible digital citizens.

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