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15 Apps Parents Should Know About:

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MEETME



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

GRINDR



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phones GPS.

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account with an older age.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, and make calls and video chats

TIKTOK



TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

BADBOO



BADBOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message to your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. Kik gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME



LIVEME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promises sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

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Human Trafficking and Modern Technology: What We Can Do About It

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The main weapon for traffickers has become the cell phone, providing "new and evolving means by which offenders sexually abuse children as apps are being used to target, recruit, and coerce children to engage in sexual activity." It is very difficult to trace the online footprint of traffickers due to sophisticated and evolving software used by offenders, which can also delay or hinder investigations.

There is hope, however, and the key is education. Here are some suggestions to make all children safer: First, know that kids participate in risky behavior like sharing personal information, talking to strangers online, adding strangers to instant messengers, and sending personal information to strangers. They also may be participating in lesser-known risks like keeping their social media sites public. Make sure children turn off the geo-tracking on the cell phone, or set it to private, because anyone can track them otherwise.

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15 Apps Parents Should Know About (cont'd from front page)

It is no secret that many children who attend St. Vivian have active pages/accounts on different apps and social media, as evidenced by conversations in the classroom, on the playground and paraphernalia worn on masks and sweatshirts. An increasing group to tap into these online platforms are our students age 10 and under.

We take our role seriously when it comes to the spiritual formation of your children, but also to create a safe, loving environment in which the needs of each child are met. We understand the importance of offering our students growth opportunities and healthy risk-taking that encourages confidence and individuality (giving a speech, singing in front of their classmates, trying out a new sport, experimenting in a new art media, etc.) We also understand through our promise to provide the above to each family, we will highlight any potential unhealthy and harmful risk we see entering in.

Therefore, please take a moment to visit the link on the front page under "15 Apps Parents Should Know About" as well as reading the following excerpt on this page from the latest VIRTUS bulletin.

Work with children so that they don't create ever-increasing online footprints sharing a lot of personal information that traffickers will target. Avoid buying MMORPGs that invite players from all over the world to interact, where traffickers also pretend to be kids (or disable that feature). We must realize that with the online anonymity and easy traceability, our kids are at risk and are at a great disadvantage due to the enormous power imbalance between the sophisticated, highly manipulative trafficker and the innocent child.

We must consistently communicate with children. Simply taking the cell phone away for concerning or poor behavior won't work and can make them more inclined to be secretive with online behavior. Instead, partner with them to guard their privacy. Let the children in your care know that they should come to you if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable online so that you can help them.

Here are some DO(s) of online safety:

DO turn off GPS tracking in your phone and disable it in apps that don't need it.

DO tell the children in your care to talk to you or another safe adult about people they meet online.

DO check the apps on your child's phone, and work together to use the strongest security and privacy settings.

DO monitor the use of technology on all electronic devices for the children in your care—know what apps are downloaded, how they are being used, and who they are communicating with online.

DO manually set all social media and cell phone apps to private, as they default always to public.¹⁶

DO report any suspicions of sexual exploitation to the Cybertipline at: <https://report.cybertip.org>

DO research about different apps targeted for teens.

DO have frequent conversations with the children in your care about online safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe.



Here are some DON'T(s) of online safety:

DON'T give out personal information to people you only know online.

DON'T agree to meet people in person who you have met online.

DON'T use the same username on more than one website.

DON'T make your email address public and searchable on social media.

DON'T check in on social media unless your account is 100% private.

January 11-15 Lunch Menu

11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan
Chicken Snack Wrap	French toast sticks	Chicken fingers	Three Way	Pizza
Chicken, Cheese and ranch wrapped in a flour tortilla Potato Wedges applesauce	4 French toast 2 turkey sausage links Mandarin oranges	3 Chicken fingers Mac & Cheese Pineapple Tidbits	pasta, chili and cheese Oyster Crackers choice of fruit	Cheese Pizza Carrots and Broccoli Applesauce



BOOSTERS

Baseball Sign-Up's OPEN!

Boys baseball registration is now open for the 2021 season! Teams will form based on age as of May 1, 2021 and number of registrants. Refunds provided for players not placed on a team due to low numbers. Visit www.stbartsathletics.org to log in/create an account and register. Registration closes 1/09/21!



Next Booster Meeting: 1/12/21



Next PTA Meeting: 1/21/21



Re-Enrollment: 1/15/21



Open House: 1/31/21 2pm – 4pm

PTA

Recess Volunteers Still Needed!

There are 3 recesses, but there is a half hour gap in between the first recess and the second and third recesses: 10:20-10:45 and then 11:15-12. The sign up is now changed for two people to sign up, or one could sign up for both slots. We ask that you comment when signing up to let us know what time frame you will be signing up for. This helps the teachers to be able to enjoy their lunch time. Volunteers must be VIRTUS trained!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A8AF2CA1FF2-march>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JANUARY SERVICE COLLECTION: OUR DAILY BREAD BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Students who contribute 50 cents or more may be out of uniform (please follow handbook guidelines) on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

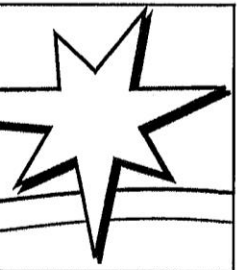


We are collecting money to purchase food and other supplies so that our 4th graders can assemble sandwiches for the bag lunch program at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen.

Our goal is to produce at least 200 lunches!

THANK YOU for your support!

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January 2021

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Thoughtful Moments

Pope Emeritus on joy

"The Holy Spirit gives us joy. And he is joy. Joy is the gift in which all the other gifts are included. It is the expression of happiness, of being in harmony with ourselves, that which can only come from being in harmony with God and with his creation." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Kindness

In today's world, sharing kindness can make a difference. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected favor? Look for ways to be kind, even when it's unexpected. It can be something simple, like holding the door for the person behind you or offering prayers for those who need them.

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



Five family New Year resolutions

New Year's resolutions can be useful ways to improve family life. When reflecting on the past year, improvements or goals may suggest themselves. It's important to set realistic, measurable, and reasonable resolutions the entire family can embrace. Consider these ideas:

Increase family time. Even when we work from home, it can be difficult to find regular time to be together. Resolve to add family time to your week. Vary the activities, but not the company. Pick a convenient schedule – Friday, after dinner, for example – write it on the calendar, and don't let anything interfere.

Get more sleep. Getting enough sleep is critical for health, happiness, and

peace. Set a mandatory lights-out time for the entire family – parents, too.

Exercise together. The best way to teach healthy habits is to model them. Make more time for family bike rides, walks around your neighborhood, hikes in nature.

Unplug. Resolve to put down all devices at mealtime and during family time. Many schools are using computers to deliver instruction. Workplaces have become virtual.

Taking a break from screens to hold in-person conversations during the day can be a refreshing break.

Worry less. Resolve to avoid worrying about what may or may not happen. Add prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, daily Mass to your family time to teach children to rely on God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we praise God?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he began with "hallowed be thy name." But God doesn't need our praise; he knows he is perfect. We praise God because he loves us and

because he is good. In fact, when we realize the gratitude and praise that we owe God, we want to give him what he is due. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1).



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Support children through difficult times

As the pandemic continues throughout the country, it can be challenging to reassure children that all is well. Try these tips to calm fears and manage stress.

Keep routines in place. Even if you're at home all day, sticking to a regular schedule is key. Try to make sure youngsters have some structure, like getting up, eating and going to bed around the same time every day. Have children dressed, breakfasted, and ready for class at the usual hour. Youngsters benefit from knowing what to expect and when.

Add variety. In the evenings, play a board game, put together a puzzle, bake desserts, take turns reading a new

book aloud.

Share your confidence in God's care. During family prayer, teach children to commit concerns to God. Together, read Bible stories that demonstrate how others have relied on God's care.

Joseph's confidence that God would deliver him from evil, Abraham's faith that God would give him and Sarah a son, the Israelites' reliance on God to deliver them from slavery.



Scripture LESSON

Mark 1:21-28, More than just a teacher

In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with his apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, "Thus says the Lord..." but Jesus said, "I tell you..." As God, he already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else's teaching.

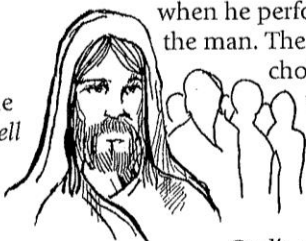
Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished his listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as "the

Holy One of Israel." Clearly, this was no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed his authority again when he performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that

God's power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.



Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 3 – Epiphany of Our Lord (1st Century). Epiphany is Greek for manifestation. When they honored the infant Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 10 – Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's

saving plan. It is also at this time when God revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 17 – St. Anthony of Egypt (356). Born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, St. Anthony gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. Eventually, other monks seeking the same lifestyle followed him into the desert and he founded a community of hermits. He is the founder of monasticism.



Parent TALK

I stopped making New Year's resolutions a few years ago. I had trouble remembering to exercise daily or clean house weekly. Finally, frustrated and dissatisfied, I decided to do something different. I resolved to find one small way to serve.

During the pandemic, the Knights of Columbus have continued to put notices in the parish bulletin asking for donations for their soup kitchen, and volunteers to cook meals. My husband and I decided to help out, and make it a family affair.

Now, once a month on a Wednesday afternoon, my daughters and I spend a few hours cooking and boxing up meals for our hungry neighbors. My youngest daughter, mask in place, plays "hostess" and welcomes people. Her older sister hands out Styrofoam containers with meals. It is a small contribution, but for the people we serve, it is an act of love. Finally, a resolution I can keep!

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La fecha límite para la solicitud es el 2/8/2021.



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