

To any reader ... these are my notes from a talk I heard at Mohonk on Thursday 11/9/06 ... not sure if the link of <http://www.nysais.org/page.cfm?p=4&verbose=126&month=11&start=11/01/06> will remain live.

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p.s. I have a number of Internet safety links for Chapin parents posted at <http://gatornet.chapin.edu/parents.html#internetsafety>

3.3 Internet Safety and the Law ... 11am to 12:30

Kenneth Citarella, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, Westchester County District Attorney's Office

Lisa Friel, Chief, Sex Crimes Unit, New York County District Attorney's Office

Karen Friedman-Agniflio, General Counsel to the Criminal Justice Coordinator for the City of New York

Representative from the Investigations Division of the Westchester County DA's Office

A panel of three New York Area criminal justice professionals discuss Internet Safety from a legal and criminal justice perspective. Practical safeguards and solutions for students, families, and schools will be suggested.

Speaker #1

Kenneth Citarella, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, Westchester County District Attorney's Office

1) your students are ill prepared for the Internet consequences of their actions

2) if under 16, they get yelled at

3) if 16 or over, I will prosecute them

4) strongest suggestion to administrators

a) everyone needs to sign a statement every Sept saying that "I understand that I give up all my rights on privacy re e-mail ... this is a waiver that waives privacy rights
why the waiver?

-- it is a deterrent factor

-- it saves me months of litigation

5) set up your computer tech people so that it can be ascertained who was on any school computer at any time of any date in the future ... all 3 of us are 100% emphatic that this needs to happen in all of our schools

6) Child Pornography is contraband ... 100% .. we can and will arrest a 16 year old who sends a naked picture of herself or himself to another friend

7) why do you want to share your personal diary with 12 million people

8) We just arrested a teacher who seduced a student from his previous school

9) great book ... katie dot com

Speaker #2

Lisa Friel, parent of a Poly Prep kid

Lisa Friel, Chief, Sec Crimes Unit, New York County District Attorney's Office

- 1) I pay the mortgage ... my job is to protect you
- 2) I want all of your passwords ... if you change your password, you can no longer use MY computer ... this will stay true until you go to college
- 3) you have no privacy in this house
- 4) with an eighth grader, it is not realistic to ask that student to surf in a public page
- 5) you have to keep talking with your kids
- 6) the predators don't just come to the sex chat rooms .. they come to the Knicks and Mets chat rooms
- 7) your kids are talking to strangers
- 8) don't give out personal information ... a good predator can trick "personal information" out of you .. example of Latrell Spreewell
- 9) do not talk to strangers
- 10) I check your buddy list ... I need to know first name and last name of each buddy ... where do they live .. I do not want a "friend of a friend" ... if so, the person is off your buddy list
- 11) My kids will not have myspace accounts or facebook ... I have learned from too many cases .. I asked my kids .. my middle kid said "yes" .. I said "not anymore"
- 12) We will send DA's out to your schools .. we will tell real cases ... we will come to the Head of Schools conference at Mohonk next year

Safe Surfing at Poly Prep

On February 23, school administrators and specialists will discuss Internet use and safety issues with parents of Middle and Upper School students. If you are not already familiar with myspace.com or similar Web sites, you should spend some time learning about these sites, chat rooms, and instant messaging ("IMing"). Middle School parent Lisa Friel, chief of the Sex Crimes Unit of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, will present her perspective on the issue. In addition, Upper School head Bud Cox, Middle School head Larry Patton, and school psychologist Karen Ezra will review the following:

- Guidelines and strategies for parents
- An overview of school programs and policies
- A presentation of some Web sites to look out for
- Technological approaches to dealing with the issue
- Why students are so interested in sites like myspace.com
- How exposure to inappropriate Web sites can affect child development

Speaker #3

Karen Friedman-Agniflio, General Counsel to the Criminal Justice Coordinator for the City of New York

- 1) You can't control the friends of your kids
- 2) Even if your own child avoids
- 3) we were about to hire a paralegal from Harvard in our office .. I googled her and she was giving the finger on her myspace account

one participant asked for cases that students can read about

<http://www.perverted-justice.com/>