

SOUTH STREET SCHOOL

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Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm proud to announce that our school is working toward becoming a **Digital Citizen Certified School** through **Commonsensemedia.org**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and families by promoting the safe use of technology and media. This certification will demonstrate our dedication to teaching digital literacy and citizenship to our students.

As part of our library program, several topics related to information citizenship and digital literacy will be taught. These include: internet safety, cyberbullying, privacy and security, information literacy, and relationships and communication online. Within these topics, we will work on using searching strategies, identifying and using information effectively and evaluating websites.

At home, Common Sense Media can help parents make smart media choices in a rapidly changing digital world. Please explore the site to get tips and advice on keeping your children safe. The site includes independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books and music. Below is a link for a parent tip sheet for your review.

https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/k-5-familytip-digital_life_043015.pdf

Sincerely,

Cindy Norman
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