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- Facebook is fueled by the desire to connect.
 - “And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be **alone**.” Genesis 2:18
- This desire is nothing new.
 - “What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is **nothing new under the sun**.” Ecclesiastes 1:9

Facebook Facts

- **Over 500 million people use Facebook.**
- **One out of every fourteen people in the world use Facebook.**
- **Facebook is truly “worldly.”**



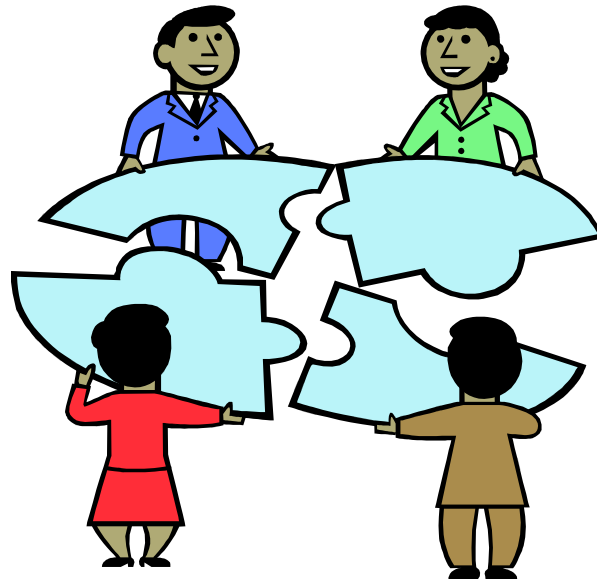
Facebook Facts

- While the US is the country with the most Facebook users in the world, 70% of Facebook users are outside the US.
 - 111, 212, 840
- Nearly half the state of California is connected to Facebook.
 - California, Texas, New York...Delaware

Facebook History

- Facebook started 6 short years ago, in 2004.
- Mark Zuckerberg and roommates from Harvard are the Facebook founders.
 - Student directory
 - Comparison
- It was soon expanded to other Ivy League schools, then to anyone over 13.

Facebook Pros

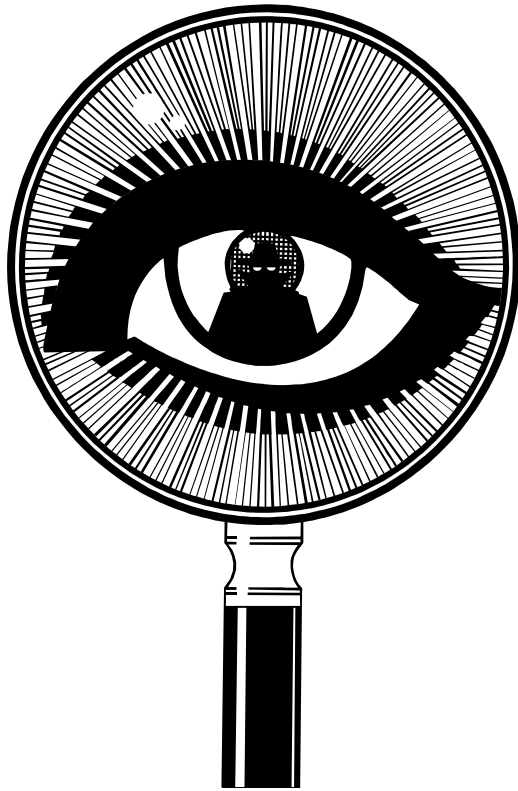


Sharing and Connecting

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- As with all things, Facebook has cons as well as pros.
 - “For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.” Ecclesiastes 1:8
- Sometimes the more you know, the more you are responsible to know.

Facebook Cons



- Privacy
- Wasted Time
- Facebook Stalkers
- More Spam

Facebook Cons

- Anyone in the world can see your “private” thoughts and pictures.
 - This includes college admissions representatives and employers!
- Nothing is ever completely erased.
- People say things that they would never say in person.
 - Cyber bullying

Remember This

**If you remember nothing else,
remember this: if your child
has a Facebook, you should
have one as well!**



Remember This

- Facebook can be a tool to gain insight into your child's life.
 - Know what they are thinking.
 - Know what they are watching.
 - Know about their music.
 - Know what pictures they are taking.
 - Know all this about their friends.
- Good parents are Facebook Stalkers!

Facebook for Parents

- Would you allow just anyone in the world to view your family photos?
- Would you allow just anyone in the world to talk to your child?
- Would you allow just anyone in the world to know specifics about your child:
 - Where they are, what they are thinking, where they are going?

Facebook 101

- It's free!
- Sign up at www.facebook.com
- Name, profile picture, gender, and networks are visible to Everyone.
 - Everyone=status updates and information for a larger audience
 - Friends of Friends=photos and videos
 - Friends Only=contact info to interact directly

Facebook Security

- All other information, besides name, profile picture, gender, and networks, can be secured.
 - Privacy settings
- You can secure every post or status update.
- Security can be customized.

Cyber Bullying

- “A person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself.” (Olweus, 1993)
- **Bullying:**
 - Unwanted, negative actions
 - Pattern of behavior repeated over time
 - Involves an imbalance of power

Cyber Bullying

- **Online harassment:** aggressive behavior, “harm doing,” insults, denigration, impersonation, exclusion, outing, activities associated with hacking—stealing information, breaking into accounts, damaging websites, profiles, etc. (Willard, 2006)



Cyber Bullying

- **Cyber bullying:** online harassment that is
 - repeated over time
 - involves a power imbalance between a perpetrator and a victim
 - Power imbalance may include difference in online skills.
- **Perpetrators are also often victims, sometimes online, sometimes elsewhere (Willard, 2006).**

Facebook for Parents

- Monitor not only what is being said to your child, but also what your child is saying on Facebook.
- Remember:
 - Whatever is posted on Facebook can be dealt with at school.
 - When you signed the handbook, you agreed to uphold certain standards on and off ECS campus.

Challenge

- Since the intent of Facebook is to share and connect, why not use it for this purpose?
 - Encourage others
 - Share the Good News
 - Reach out
 - Be an advocate for others

One Last Thought

"Everything is permissible for me-but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me-but I will not be mastered by anything."

1 Corinthians 6:12

- Pray the Lord guides you as you guide your family in this!

Helpful Websites

- Cyber bullying:
<http://www.slideshare.net/PewInternet/cyberbullying-2010-what-the-research-tells-us-4009451>
- Parenting:
<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting.aspx>
- Facebook: <http://www.crosswalk.com/11599512/>
- Facebook: <http://www.ligonier.org/blog/should-christians-be-facebook/>