

DID YOU KNOW

- The Simon Wiesenthal Center identified some 3,000 “problematic” websites that promote violence or racism.”
- 1 in 4 children/teens, ages 10 to 17 have been exposed to unwanted adult material online.”
- 1 in 5 children/teens under the age of 17 received unwanted adult solicitations online.
- 6% of children/teens ages 10 to 17 are threatened or harassed online only about half reported the incident to their parents

“It’s Midnight Somewhere on the Internet. Do You Know Where Your Children Are?”

www.iSafe.com

GWAVA – TIPS

If you have not been receiving a GWAVA digest (gwava@charlottenet.org) it could be one of two reasons:

1. Spam is not being received. Digests will not be sent unless they contain a spam email. (This is a rare case and will happen mainly with newer staff members)
2. charlottenet.org has accidentally been blocked in

our junk mail. To fix this, follow these steps:

- Highlight any email message that has been sent to you and right click
- Select Junk Mail; then Junk Mail Handling
- From the top of this dialog box select the Junk List tab
- All domains/addresses that have been block will be listed in alphabetical order
- If charlottenet.org is listed highlight and then select at the top right of the box, MOVE TO TRUST

If you do not see that the charlottenet.org has been added to the Junk List, also look for gwava. If neither is listed and you are still not receiving digests, please call the Technology Office.

‘TIS THE SEASON – FOR SPAM

Excerpt taken from www.f-secure.com

Every year around Christmas, the spammers have arranged something like a Gold Rush, ramping up the number of messages they send for the Christmas shopping season.

However, this year, what we are seeing is a completely new

phenomenon. It seems that multiple unfortunate events have coincided, resulting in an unprecedented rise in spam levels.

Now, if you look around for statistics, you will find that some claim that spam is now up to a record high 60% of all email in the world, and others claim that spam is at a record high 90% of all email, and some undoubtedly see close to 100%.

However, you measure it, the consensus is clear: Spam is worse than ever.

Right now, we are identifying three contributing factors:

1. The Christmas pre and post – season
2. Email worms that allow massive volumes of spam to be spent
3. Variations in spam messages which enable spammers to bypass many content –based filters which used to work better.

Our spam concerns began when we were still utilizing our Internet Services through the SCNC, this domain, with all of our addresses was sold and has increased the amount of spam that we receive. In correlation, those staff members that have been with the school district longer or have used the charlottenet.org email address on any applications are prone to more spam mail.

NAC Corner – The Cell Phone Explosion

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Perhaps during the holiday season some of your students received gifts from their parents with the potential to impact the classroom. Take mobile devices for example, an increasingly popular way to access the Internet among youth. About one-half (51%) of the thousands of students in middle school surveyed by i-SAFE during the 2005-06 school year reported owning a cell phone, while 75% of high school students did. Among the high school students who owned a cell phone, 46% indicated that they sometimes used it during classroom instruction. Among middle school students with a cell phone, 18% sometimes used theirs during classes. Thus a refresher on classroom cell phone policy may be in order when even more students return from the holiday break clutching their new cell phone.

