

Today at Cloonan we were privileged to have a state attorney come and teach us about the dangers of cyber bullying and anything online for that matter. First we discussed how having a cellphone with a camera could be very dangerous.

One thing we talked about was exposing yourself and other people on the web. If you so much as record two people having a fight and post it on let's say your Facebook, you could get arrested. Although you had not taken part in the fight, you had exposed the two boys and have done them as well as yourself a injustice. What I thought was one of the most interesting thing was that let's if you were in a chat group and have no personal information on it but do have your name, people can find out everything from that one name. There are many strangers in the world that try to trick kids into doing something that they regret. Information that someone puts as there page could be a complete lie. Someone may say they are fifteen but are really fifty five. When you are online you need to be careful of what you say and do.

Another topic that we talked about was cyber bullying. What people don't understand is that one mean word to someone could really be knives. Cyber bullying can kill. People don't understand that you have to put yourself in the victim's shoes. How would you feel if you were called mean names? You never really know what the persons conditions are at home. Although you might have called them one bad word that could have been the fiftieth mean name they were called that day and could be there breaking point leading to death. If you are in a situation and it gets out of hand you NEED to tell an adult that you trust or the consequences could be enormous. If you are getting cyber bullied you need to stand up for yourself and make a change. If you wait to long it may never end. Cyber bullying happens on a daily basics and in some cases kills.it is truly painful to know that some people think it is better to take their own life than live with the bullied. To think that people actually get bullied to the point of death. You should NEVER EVER take your life because you think it is that bad because there is someone in the world that has it worse than you. 90% of people say they get bullied. 85% of those people get bullied at home. Bullying happens everywhere. Most of the time you don't understand or see the hurt that you are causing until they are gone. Sometimes you take it too far and then you are too late. 6/7 bullies have a criminal record or been involved in criminal activity. Cyber bullying needs to end before it is too late.

A last topic that we talked about was sexting. First of all showing your body off in an inappropriate manner is wrong and flat out gross. If you have three or four pictures of child pornography you get arrested for a year and then once you get out of jail have to register as a sex offender. If you have 50 or more pictures you go to jail for five years. Once you post a picture on the internet it is there forever. Yes you may delete it BUT it remains there forever. Before you post an inappropriate picture or send one think about all the damage that it can cause. If you are going to college before you get in the people check your Facebook, MySpace or any social network on the internet. If you so much as have one bad picture on it you can kiss that college away. You really have to think before doing everything.

We were so privileged to have a wonderful speaker and hopefully will be able to make the change. Before you send that nasty email think about the consequences that come along with it. It just takes one mean word to end the life of another. The main thing that you could have learned from this was think before you act.