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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am reaching out to you to remind you of the ways in which the district helps to monitor your student's internet activity while they are using their school Google account and Chromebook and offer you some free tools to help monitor their activity after school hours and on the weekend. The District is alerted to inappropriate content (violence, bullying, hate speech, profanity, self-harm, etc) and addresses these concerns during the school day. If you would like to receive similar alerts or monitor your child's activity on their Chromebook please follow the directions for the two free tools that are currently available to you. Many parents and guardians have already signed up for these tools and this is just a reminder of the services available to you through the school.

Bark- Get Alerts With the Free Parent Portal

Candor Central School uses [Bark for Schools](#) to help us monitor school-issued accounts for signs of digital dangers. When potential issues like cyberbullying, suicidal ideation, and threats of violence arise, Bark sends us a notification. Parents and guardians can benefit from receiving these alerts, as well.

Kids use their school-issued accounts both at school and at home, and families are often in a better position to respond to urgent alerts after hours, on weekends, and during breaks. In the coming days, you will receive an invitation to create your free account for the Bark for Schools Parent Portal. As soon as you opt in, you'll start receiving after-hours alerts when Bark detects potentially time-sensitive issues. You do not need to pay for this service to receive these free after-hours alerts.

GoGuardian Parent

CCSD uses GoGuardian as our web filter when students are logged into their school accounts on any Chromebook. GoGuardian Parent allows you to see what sites and documents your children are browsing and provide you with additional internet controls at home. The app gives a bird's eye view of the apps and websites that their students are on most often and control over school-issued devices during out-of-school hours. To access the app, please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the app: Visit the iPhone App Store or Google Play Store and search for GoGuardian Parent.
2. After the app is successfully downloaded and installed, open it up and enter the email address on file with us. This is the email where you get mass email notifications. If you forgot your registered email address or don't have one, please reach out to me (mgelder@candorcs.org).
3. Login/Check Email: Check your email on your phone for a link to log in to the app. Tap the "Verify your email", and it will take you straight to the app. *Note: If you don't have access to your email through the device you used to log in, tap on "Login with verification code", and copy and paste the verification code from the email into the app.*

If you have any questions, please contact me at mgelder@candorcs.org. Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe both online and in real life.

Sincerely,

Matt Gelder
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