



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Keeping students safer on our school-provided devices and accounts is paramount to St. Louis Language Immersion School. In that regard, we want to inform you of our team's recent step to monitor school-issued accounts. Bark for Schools (<https://www.bark.us/schools>) is a powerful tool for monitoring services we are utilizing to help us better protect students both at school and home.

Providing students access to laptops and email accounts opens up an incredible world of learning opportunities and potential dangers that could impact our students, our staff, and the families in our community. Bark helps us monitor all the content our students create, share, and send through school-issued accounts. This monitoring helps us to detect potentially dangerous situations that students may be facing both in and out of school, including:

- Cyberbullying
- Threats of violence
- Predatory advances
- Sexual content
- Suicidal ideation Bark's technology is proven.

In 2019, Bark for Schools detected millions of concerning situations on school-issued accounts, including:

- 892,670 instances of children buying, selling, or discussing illicit drugs
- 251,367 students involved in cyberbullying
- 91,812 children expressing self-harm, cutting, and suicidal thoughts

If you want more information, please contact Mrs. Gloria Howell at gloria.howell@sllis.org. Thank you for helping us to keep our students safer online and in real life.

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