

Parent Info Night  
Topic: Keeping Adolescents Safe from Online and Mobile Risks  
Presenter: Mr. Dumont  
@ Holy Trinity in the Library  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday November 4, 2009

### Abstract

*Adolescents using the Internet are involved in range of activities including instant messaging, social networking sites, blogging, and gaming. According to the literature, these behaviours are associated a with a number of potential risks such as Internet addiction, developing close online relationships, cyberbullying, and cyberexploitation. In order to address the risks, a comprehensive strategy is presented in three stages: knowing your adolescents offline and online, establish firm rules and enhance understanding of consequences, and controlling the software and hardware. A PowerPoint presentation and brochure have been created to increase awareness for parents, educators and adolescents of the preventative strategies to minimize the risks associated with Internet use.*

### Presenter: Joseph Dumont

Joe Dumont is currently a high school counsellor at Holy Trinity in Edmonton and he has been a school counsellor for elementary and junior high as well. Joe has a diverse teaching background in a variety of levels including elementary, junior high, high school and university. Joe completed his Master of Education degree in 2007 and his capping project was focused on creating a presentation for parents and teachers on how they can help keep teens safe from Internet risks. Joe has presented to a number of audiences including parents, school staff, junior high, elementary and high school students as well as at teacher's conventions and the University of Alberta. Joe is very passionate about this subject and believes that educating parents and teachers about the risk inherent with Internet activity will help them keep their children safe while online.

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