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Dear Families,

Your child is taking part in classroom lessons from **Common Sense Education**®. This will be happening in their Social and Science Classes from Sept. 7–9. Common Sense helps students learn the habits and skills they need to use technology safely and responsibly in school, at home, and beyond.

### WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?

Kids and teens today may seem like experts at using technology, but the digital world requires all kinds of skills and habits that kids don't just pick up as they go. Digital Citizenship helps them learn those skills.

The Common Sense lessons help students reflect on their tech use and make thoughtful choices about how and when to use it. They also learn about online hate speech, how to stand up to cyberbullying, how to use social media carefully, how what they post online affects their future, and ways to spot misinformation and look critically at online news.

### WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO

Common Sense Education provides resources to help you support your child's learning. As we teach these lessons in class, we can provide home tip sheets and activities for you to do with your child. You can visit the Common Sense website at [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) for more information.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Working together as one team, we can prepare today's students to think critically and use tech in positive and powerful ways.

Sincerely,

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Woodbury Middle School Principal

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