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Online Safety is Never a Joke



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The Internet is a place where everyone seems to be nowadays. It's a place where people can connect with people that they don't see in person.

However, there are certain precautions you should take when signing up for social media or talking to people that you don't know personally.

One thing you should keep in mind while on the internet is your confidential information. You should never share certain things about yourself.

For example, no matter what anyone says over a message, never share your password and full name. These things along with others are what they call confidential information. Some other examples of confidential information are, address, where you go to school, phone number, yours or your parent's workplace, mom's maiden name, email address, and social security number. There are other things that you shouldn't share but those are the big ones.

Another thing you should remember is that sometimes something happens that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable. If it does you should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. If someone threatens you or says unkind things to you or someone you know, you should tell a trusted adult.



Some examples of a trusted adult are, mom, dad, teacher, school guidance counselor, principal or assistant principal. If you don't feel comfortable talking to any one of these people you can talk to a grandparent, uncle, aunt, or a family friend that you are close with. Just make sure that the person is an adult and has shown they are trustworthy in the past.

Of course, you should be able to spot out people who are faking something they say online. If you can't, then you should know people aren't always what they say. Because it's the internet, you can't tell who or what is behind the other side of your conversation. For all you know, the 14-year-old girl you thought you were talking to is actually a 70-year-old man who broke out of jail. Obviously, this is a very extreme example, however you never know unless you've met the person in person, you and them.

As you can tell, the internet is a great place to be, but there are things you should keep in mind when you talk to people you don't know or sign up for a website that your parents don't know about.

Now remember:

- No personal information
- Tell a trusted adult if something happens
- You never know who is on the other side of the conversation.

8th Grade Gears Up for NaNoWriMo



**By Joe Melillo
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NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month and it is basically is a ton of schools with students writing NOVELS!

It starts on November 1st at midnight and ends on November 30th. It is basically just writing a novel about something that interests you. Today, Author Joe Wallace came into the library to show us how to write a novel and he gave the 8th graders tips on how to write novels. He told us that we should always



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kind of be "in love" with our fictional characters and how we should always love what we are writing and our setting and plot.

He said that we should keep writing and we can go back and edit our writing later because 1st drafts are never perfect. The 8th graders started taking notes and some even started writing their novels.

Basically NaNoWriMo will be a long and tough month for the 8th graders and by the end, they'll have a nice novel published and ready to be read.

NBA Power Rankings and Predictions



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You might not know this, but the 2019-20 NBA Preseason began September 30, and that means that the NBA Regular Season is about a month away. Even though we can't read what the future holds of what's going to happen this season, but we can predict what could happen. That's exactly what I'm going to be doing today. I'm going to predict the rankings of all 30 NBA Teams, doing it by division. I will also be naming the top team for each division's best three players. Enjoy!

Eastern Conference: Atlantic:

1. Philadelphia 76ers
Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons, Al Horford
2. Boston Celtics
3. Brooklyn Nets
4. Toronto Raptors
5. New York Knicks



Central:

1. Milwaukee Bucks
Giannis Antetokounmpo, Khris Middleton, Eric Bledsoe
2. Indiana Pacers
3. Detroit Pistons
4. Chicago Bulls
5. Cleveland Cavaliers



Southeast:

1. Orlando Magic
Nikola Vucevic, Aaron Gordon, Evan Fournier
2. Miami Heat

3. Atlanta Hawks
4. Washington Wizards
5. Charlotte Hornets

Western Conference Northwest:

1. Denver Nuggets
Nikola Jokic, Jamal Murray, Gary Harris
2. Portland Trail Blazers
3. Utah Jazz
4. Minnesota Timberwolves
5. Oklahoma City Thunder



Pacific:

1. Los Angeles Clippers
Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, Lou Williams
2. Los Angeles Lakers
3. Golden State Warriors
4. Sacramento Kings
5. Phoenix Suns

Southwest:

1. Houston Rockets
James Harden, Russell Westbrook, Clint Capela
2. San Antonio Spurs
3. Dallas Mavericks
4. New Orleans Pelicans
5. Memphis Grizzlies

That's it for my 2019-20 NBA Season Power Rankings. And by the way, this list could be accurate or off by a good amount. These are just non-biased predictions that I have made for this season. To prove it, I put my favorite team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, at number 5! Once again, the 2019-20 NBA Season begins October 22, so stay tuned for more updates on what's going on around the NBA!

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