



October is National Bullying Prevention Month

- 1 in 7 students in grades K – 12 are either a bully or have been a victim of bullying.
- An estimated 160,000 U.S. children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students.
- 83% of girls and 79% of boys report experiencing harassment.
- Six out of 10 teenagers say they witness bullying in school once a day.
- 35% of kids have been threatened online.
- 57% of boys and 43% of girls reported being bullied because of religious or cultural differences.
- Bullies often go on to perpetrate violence later in life
- One out of every 10 students who drop out of school does so because of repeated incidents of bullying.
- 75% of shooting incidents at schools have been linked to bullying and harassment.
- 64% of children who were bullied did not report it.
- Nearly 70% of students think schools respond poorly to bullying.
- When bystanders intervene, bullying stops within 10 seconds 57% of the time.

Citation: <http://antibullyinginstitute.org/>

The St Linus FTC is hosting several anti-bullying events in the school this month.

All parents are invited to attend the Cyberbully and internet safety seminar with Detective Hollendonner from the Chicago Police Department on 9/28/17 at 7 pm in the Cardiff Center. Due to the content, this seminar is for adults only

All St Linus children will attend a bullying and internet safety class on 10/5/17 with Kathleen McGowen from the Illinois State's Attorney's office. Classes will be divided by age group and content discussed will be age appropriate (1st-3rd, 4th-5th, and 6th-8th)

St Linus Unity Day is October 10, 2017! Wear and Share Orange!

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to showing that you care about preventing bullying? Come together in one giant message of hope and support, wear and share orange to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should be bullied.

The FTC will also be hanging a Unity Tree outside the gym. All students will be asked to "pledge" to stop bullying and add a leaf with their names to the Unity Tree

Helpful resources: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/index.html>

For teens: <https://www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org/>

For kids: <https://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/>

For Parents: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/parents/>



