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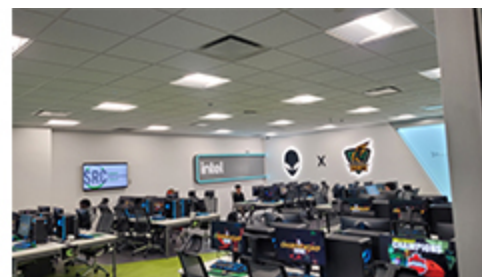
**IT
INSIGHTS**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grand Reopening of the SRC Nexus Esports Arena and Gaming Lab

The Nexus Arena and Gaming Lab officially reopened last month, showing off their new Alienware X Intel branding. New State-of-the-Art Alienware gaming computers were installed along with new lighting and branding decor. The Nexus is the only Esports center of its kind in Canada offering not only gaming, but also educational courses on broadcasting and marketing.



KEY PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- Staff computer lease replacements are coming this month for leases expiring this fall. Please watch your inbox for an email from IT Staff to schedule your changeover.

- The I.T. Services Department undertook a CyberSecurity TableTop exercise to put our learning to the test. Thanks to all I.T. Staff for participating.
- The [St. Clair College Thames Students Inc. \(TSI\)](#) website has been updated to better serve our Chatham students! The new site makes it easier to stay informed about student services and supports. Check it out today!



MONTHLY FEATURES

- Learn some [beginner tips and tricks for MacOS](#).
- St. Clair College provides Students and Staff with a LinkedIn Learning membership to help develop your knowledge and skills in a multitude of subjects. Look for the tile in the [My StClair Portal](#).



THE CYBERSECURITY CORNER

Why You Should Never Plug in a Found USB Drive

Have you ever come across a random USB drive lying around? It might be tempting to plug it into your computer to see what's on it, but that could be a big mistake. Here's why connecting a found USB drive can be dangerous for your personal and computer security.

1. **Risk of Malware** - One of the biggest risks of using a USB drive you found is malware. This is harmful software that can sneak onto your computer and cause all sorts of problems. Once you plug in the drive, it can automatically install viruses that can delete files, steal personal information, or even give hackers access to your computer.
2. **Data Theft** - Even if the USB drive looks harmless, it can still be used to steal your data. When you connect it, you might accidentally allow someone to access your private files, passwords, or sensitive information. This is especially dangerous if you have important data on your computer.

3. **Ransomware Attacks** - Some USB drives are designed to spread ransomware. This type of malware locks you out of your own files and demands payment to unlock them. If you plug in a drive like this, you could find yourself unable to access your important documents, and you might be forced to pay a ransom to get them back.
4. **Phishing Scams** - A found USB drive can also be a tool for phishing scams. When you connect it, it might trick you into opening files that seem safe but actually lead to harmful websites or programs. This could put your personal information at risk, allowing cybercriminals to steal things like passwords or financial data.

So, while it might seem harmless to check out a found USB drive, the risks are too high. To keep your computer and personal information safe, avoid plugging in unknown devices. If you find one, it's best to hand it over to your IT department or throw it away. Staying cautious can help protect you from cyber threats and keep your data secure.



GRIFF'S PRO TIP OF THE MONTH

St. Clair College doesn't only use Windows PCs, we have several classrooms and labs full of iMacs as well! Check out these quick [MacOS keyboard shortcuts](#) to help you better interact with the Mac environment.

- Cut:** Command-X
- Copy:** Command-C
- Paste:** Command-V
- Undo:** Command-Z
- Print:** Command-P
- Close window:** Command-W
- Switch apps:** Command-Tab
- Quit app:** Command-Q
- Forward delete:** Fn-Delete or Forward Delete
- Find files:** Command-Space bar
- Force quit app:** [Option-Command-Esc](#)
- Take screenshot:** [Shift-Command-3](#)
- Spacebar:** Use Quick Look to preview the selected item



THIS MONTH'S CONTEST

Can you find all the hidden Griffins in this Halloween scene?

Use this [online form](#) to submit your answer. Three (3) winners will be chosen at random.

[See contest rules.](#)



SEPTEMBER'S CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to our **3 WINNERS** from last month's contest!

They were able to decipher that the answer to the riddle was "WiFi" or "Wireless Fidelity"

Mike Sorrell

Yasmeen Shah

Rosie Greig

SELF SERVICE

Need assistance? We're here to help! Simply click the links to [Open an IT Support Ticket](#) or [Book an Appointment with Front Desk](#).

HOURS OF OPERATION:

IT HELPDESK (x2500)

Mon-Thu: 8am to 8pm
Fri: 8am to 7:30pm

IT AUDIO/VIDEO

Mon-Thu: 8am to 8pm
Fri: 8am to 7:30pm

IT CLIENT SERVICES

Mon-Fri: 8am to 10pm
September - June

Mon-Fri: 8am to 5pm
June - September

Something you'd like to see in future issues?

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