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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall 2024 Semester is quickly drawing to a close. The winter break will be upon us sooner than we think, and our time will be filled with celebrating the season with Family and Friends.

From all of us at the St. Clair College Information Technology Services team, have a Safe and Happy Holidays.





MONTHLY FEATURES

- Is the "New" Outlook For You? [Click here to find out.](#)
- Give Your Hands A Break. [Automating Repetitive Tasks.](#)



THE CYBERSECURITY CORNER

Cybersecurity Tips for Safe Online Shopping This Holiday Season

The holiday season is upon us, and with it comes the excitement of gift shopping—often online. While it's convenient to shop from the comfort of your home, it also brings a set of security risks. Cybercriminals take advantage of the holiday rush, aiming to steal your personal and financial information. To help you stay safe, here are a few simple precautions you can take when shopping online this Christmas:

1. Shop on Trusted Websites

Always stick to well-known, reputable websites. Look for websites with secure payment systems and a URL that starts with "https" (the "s" stands for secure). You can also check for a padlock symbol in the browser's address bar, which indicates a secure connection.

2. Use Strong, Unique Passwords

Before you make any online purchase, ensure that you have strong passwords for your accounts. Avoid using simple passwords like "123456" or "password." Instead, create a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. Consider using a password manager to keep track of your passwords safely.

3. Beware of Scams

Cybercriminals often send fake emails offering "too good to be true" deals. Be cautious of unsolicited emails, especially if they ask for personal information. Always verify the legitimacy of the offer by checking the official website or contacting customer support.

4. Monitor Your Bank Statements

After shopping online, keep an eye on your bank and credit card statements for any unusual activity. If you notice any unauthorized charges, report them immediately to your bank.

5. Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

If the website you're shopping on offers two-factor authentication (2FA), take advantage of it. This extra layer of security requires you to verify your identity in two ways, making it much harder for hackers to access your accounts.

6. Use Credit Cards Instead of Debit Cards

Credit cards often offer better fraud protection than debit cards. If you need to make a purchase, using a credit card can help protect your money if something goes wrong.

7. Avoid Public Wi-Fi for Shopping

Never shop on public Wi-Fi networks, like those in cafes or airports, as they are not secure. If you must shop while on the go, use a personal hotspot or wait until you're on a trusted, private network.

8. Update Your Devices

Before you start shopping, make sure your computer or mobile device is running the latest security updates. This will help protect you from known vulnerabilities and malware.

In Conclusion, holiday shopping should be fun, not stressful. By taking these simple precautions, you can enjoy the season without worrying about cyber threats.

Stay alert, and happy shopping!



GRIFF'S PRO TIP OF THE MONTH

If you are having issues seeing web site data properly, try clearing your browser cache and cookies and then restart the browser.

It will show you the most recent version. This applies to sites like Blackboard and our College Intranet.

Sometimes, testing with a different browser can help also.



THIS MONTH'S CONTEST

WINTER WORD SCRAMBLE

WFKLSNOEA

GKTASIN

WNSO

OBOTS

RINTEW

TCHILS

TQOUE

STEAF

HYOALID

MAFLYI

TEMTINS

THO HCOLTEAOC

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

[See contest rules.](#)

NOVEMBER'S CONTEST WINNERS

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

The hidden message was "**SAINTS STRONG**".

We also accepted "**STRONG SAINTS**".

Connor Marcotte

Leilani Rup

Katie Rizea

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)	IT CLIENT SERVICES
Mon-Thu: 8am to 8pm Fri: 8am to 7:30pm	Mon-Thu: 8am to 10pm Fri: 8am to 6pm <i>September - June</i>
IT AUDIO/VIDEO	
Mon-Thu: 8am to 8pm Fri: 8am to 7:30pm	Mon-Fri: 8am to 5pm <i>June - September</i>

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