

Dear Parents,

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School takes your child's online safety seriously. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that K-12 schools and libraries use internet filters and implement other measures to protect children from harmful online content.

StMM utilizes the [Hāpara Instructional Suite](#) to assist with this requirement, along with other important learning tasks. This is a great opportunity for your child/children because it will provide new ways to personalize learning to meet their individual needs, keep them safe during online lessons and provide them with ongoing feedback on their work to encourage continuous learning and growth.

What is Hāpara? Hāpara is an Instructional Suite of tools that works with Google G Suite to add functionality in a classroom setting.

Hāpara provides teachers with:

- Access to your student's school documents and online activity through their school-issued accounts
- Visibility into web activity when students are logged in to their school account
- A place to engage in classroom work so students can have personalized learning experiences.

Your child's/children's teacher will use the “**Highlights**” component of Hapara. Highlights will give our teachers visibility into what students are doing online, the ability to create curated online lessons and share out useful links and resources. The goal of Highlights is to help our students build their digital citizenship skills, and help them to learn how to make positive decisions and stay safe while working and learning online.

Student Privacy

We have partnered with Hāpara because they are a company founded by educators and they always keep the interests of students at the center of everything they do. Student privacy and safety is of extreme importance to them. No student data is sold. You can learn more about the Hāpara privacy policy on their website.

We have made the decision as a school to follow Hāpara's Ethical monitoring policy. This means that your child's/children's online activity will NOT be monitored outside of the school network; however, as a parent you can monitor activity on your child's school-issued Chromebook at home. Look for an email coming soon from no-reply@deledao.com to set up your at home access.

Questions? If you have questions or concerns about this educational tool, please feel free to contact Brandon Wright, wright@stmm.net

You can learn more about Hāpara here:

<http://www.hapara.com>

<https://hapara.com/ethical-monitoring-practice/>

<https://hapara.com/privacy-toolkit/>