**Bulletin #2: For Parents of Ages 8–11**

**Gaming is Fun… But Who Are They Playing With?**

Online gaming can teach teamwork and creativity, but it also opens chat features to strangers.

Kids in this age group often trust too easily. Make sure their game settings are private and that chat functions are off or monitored. Review their friends list regularly and talk about why "internet friends" aren’t the same as real-life friends.

**What You Can Do**

* Check privacy settings on every game.
* Disable unmonitored chat features.
* Play their favorite game with them to build trust and stay informed.