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SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Vegas Night!

FEBRUARY 16, 2019

The Knights of Columbus Council #8096 will be holding their 33rd annual Vegas Night on Saturday, February 16, 2019! Great fun, food and prizes have been the hallmark of this event for several years.

Where –

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Community Life Center
6646 Addicks-Satsuma Rd.
Houston, TX 77084

When –

February 16, 2019; doors open at 6:30 pm, games begin at 7 pm

Mark your calendars now and more detailed information will be coming soon!

For interest in table sponsorships or donating prizes contact Tom DeScioli at 918-633-3806; email tdescioli@aol.com

MORE LATER!



December 14, 6-9PM Burroughs Park

Take a break from the holiday hustle and savor the sights and sounds of the holiday season while enjoying carolers, hot cocoa*, crafts*, and holiday lights! This musical event is something the entire family can enjoy.

*Cocoa and crafts are available while supplies last. Crafts are available to children ages 12 and under.

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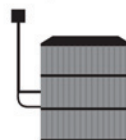


Calling all Aggie moms!!! Whether you are a mom of a past, current, or new Aggie, come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!! We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. Socializing and dinner starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00

pm. Each month, we have interesting speakers, and a chance to win a door prize, and a chance to enter the book award drawing! We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students, and in awarding a number of student scholarships each year. The scholarship applications are due by early Feb. and are awarded in April.

We hope you will join us!! Please refer to the website for details on upcoming events. Gig 'Em and God Bless!

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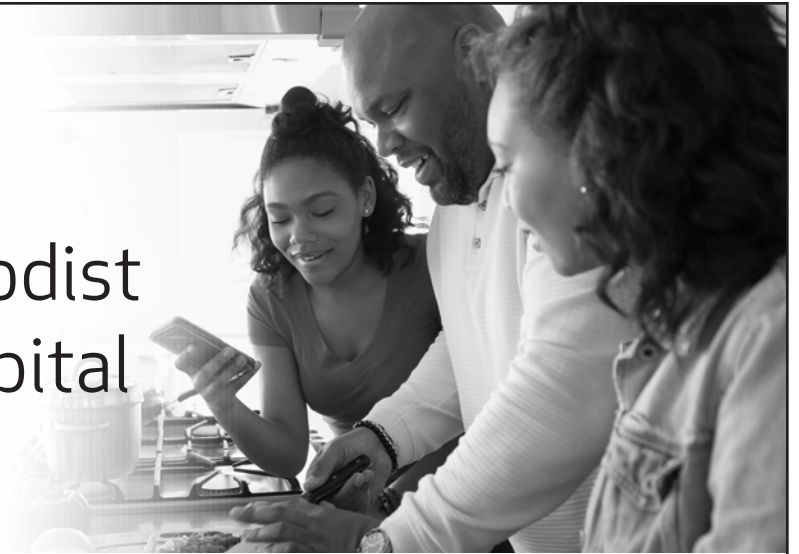
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Smart Shopping Tips to Stay Safe this Holiday Season

By: Vivian Marinelli, FEI Behavioral Health, edited for space

With holiday shopping upon us, here are tips for keeping yourself, your identity and your carefully picked gifts safe and the holiday season enjoyable, whether shopping online or at the mall.

Online Shopping

Before you log on and make your first purchase, keep these ideas in mind to protect your credit card and keep your bank account information safe:

- Only visit secure shopping websites—look for the “lock.” Check the address bar for a padlock symbol indicating it’s a secure website. Also, addresses beginning with “https” (and not just “http”) indicate additional web security.
- Shop online only with a secure network. Although you might be enjoying a nice cup of hot cocoa at a coffee shop, avoid using the public Wi-Fi in order to keep your payment information safe.
- Protect your personal information. Never click the box to “remember” or save your password or credit card information. It only takes a few seconds to enter this information when you revisit a site. (This is not only a good idea for shopping, but should be a general rule for keeping your passwords safe.)
- Watch out for imposters. With online shopping, you typically receive a confirmation for the order and another when shipping occurs. One current phishing scam sends a fake email indicating a problem with your order and includes a link or attachment to click. Another phishing scam is targeting Amazon shoppers. Amazon will never send you an unsolicited email asking for sensitive personal information like your social security number, tax ID, bank account number, credit card information, ID questions like “mother’s maiden name” or account password. If you receive a suspicious email, please report it immediately by sending it as an attachment to stop-spoofing@amazon.com. (Likewise, if you are reporting a suspicious URL, put it in the body of the email and send it to stop-spoofing@amazon.com.)
- Monitor your purchases. This is another list to “check twice.” Hopefully, you are reviewing your credit card and bank statements throughout the year. During the holidays, it is even more important to be vigilant so you can catch any suspicious activity on your accounts.
- Ship to a secure location. Package theft is becoming a growing

trend. Avoid having your boxes stolen from your front porch by shipping to your work address or a neighbor who is home during the day. Take advantage of delivery lockers in your area and have your order shipped there instead.

Brick and Mortar Shopping

Some tips to keep in mind before heading out to the mall:

Prepare. Before you head out to shop, gear up for the trek. The stores can be warm and you may want to leave your coat in the car; that way, you are not trying to keep track of your coat, packages, your purse and/or your wallet.

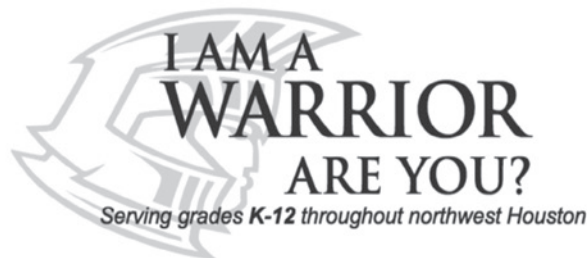
Distractions. The most common distraction is to be on the phone or texting as you are walking to the next store, or to your car. You may be checking on information for your next purchase, but someone else might be checking for people they can catch off-guard. It’s critical to be aware of your surroundings at these susceptible times. Wait until you are in a place where you can focus and not be a target.

Parking. Pay attention to detail when choosing a parking spot. It may be daylight when you park, but it may be dark when you return to your car. Try parking in a well-lit area. Make note of the location of your car, or tie a holiday bow to your car where you will be able to spot it easily. Prior to leaving the store or mall, gather all your packages and have your keys ready in your hand. Walk with purpose to your car and scan your surroundings for anyone (or anything) that seems suspicious. Many shops or malls have additional security on-site, even in the parking lots. Some also have escorts available who will accompany you to your car.

Super-shopping. If you plan on a shopping marathon, following the first three tips will have you ready for the race. However, if you need to make multiple trips to your car to drop off purchases, you’ll need to make sure they are secure until you return. Put packages in the trunk where they are out of sight. If packages need to be in the back or front seat, try to place them on the floor of the car and cover them with a blanket so they’re not visible to anyone walking past the car.

By taking the extra time to ensure personal and financial safety and security during your holiday shopping excursions, you can enjoy finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list and see their faces light up when they unwrap their treasure that you picked just for them.

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NORTH

Christmas Ranch - Cleveland
Dearing Dazzle - Conroe
Dodd Family Holidays - The Woodlands
Gullo House of Lights - Magnolia
Schultz Holiday Lights - Spring

WEST

Candy Wonderland, Spring Shadows - Houston
Christmas Katy - Pin Oak Subdivision - Katy

SOUTHEAST

Bufkin Christmas Wonderland - Pasadena
21st Dickinson Festival of Lights - Dickinson
Magical Winter Lights - Gulf Greyhound Park*
Magnolia Creek - League City
Moss Lights - League City

SOUTH

Green Tee Terrace - Pearland

SOUTHWEST

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Northwest Flyers Kid's Track Club Holds Registration for 32nd Season

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2019 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2019 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation before registering.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>, contact linette. roach@sbcglobal.net, or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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