Cybersecurity Newsletter

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In this month's issue, we have a guide on how to start the new year cyber safe followed by the monthly email statisitics for the college.

New Year, New Cyber Habits

Welcome to a new year! As cyber threats continue to evolve, it’s more important than ever to protect our work, our data, and ourselves. Start the year strong by refreshing your cyber-safe habits.

Top Cyber Threats to Watch

AI-Powered Phishing

Cybercriminals now use AI to create emails, texts, and even voice messages that look and sound real. They may pretend to be your manager, a vendor, or IT support.

Always verify unexpected requests for money, login details, or files.

QR Code Scams

Fake QR codes are being placed in emails, posters, and even public places. These can send you to malicious websites.

Only scan QR codes from trusted sources.

Ransomware

Attackers can lock files and systems until money is paid.

Keep your devices updated and back up important files regularly.

New Year Cybersecurity Checklist

Take a few minutes to protect yourself:

- Change old or reused passwords
- Use a password manager
- Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Install all system and app updates
- Back up important work and personal files
- Lock your screen when stepping away

How to Spot a Scam

Be suspicious if a message:

- Creates urgency or pressure
- Asks for passwords, codes, or payment
- Has spelling or grammar mistakes
- Comes from an unusual email address

When in doubt, don’t click — report it.

Resources for more information on Cybersecurity

https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/

https://www.orion.on.ca/blog/

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