



SMS PTA & SHS PTSA present
Internet Awareness Program
with
Thomas Grimes of NY Finest Speakers
as seen on “The Today Show”

March 22, 2010, at 7pm SMS Auditorium

Twenty-year veteran law enforcement officer Thomas Grimes of NY Finest Speakers will discuss safe use of the internet by children. His presentation focuses on tough issues surrounding online social networks. He will cover topics including:

Predators

Identity Theft

Cyber Bullying

Repercussions of incriminating/embarrassing text, photos and videos online

The evening program, *which is recommended for parents only*, is free and open to the public, courtesy of the SMS PTA and SHS PTSA. Mr. Grimes is scheduled to speak with Somers middle school and high school students during the school day.

Thomas Grimes, a graduate of Somers High School, spoke on “The Today Show” in March 2009, and at numerous local schools. Mr. Grimes explained, “My aim is to help parents understand that the internet has made the world a smaller place, and the reality is that they need to pay attention to what their kids know about and do online.” He further said, “My talk, and the discussion which follows, is meant to help create a dialogue within and between families to help everyone think and talk a little bit more with one another. If one student acts more responsibly online as a result, that’s another step in the right direction.”

For more information about Mr. Grimes and NY Finest Speakers, please visit www.nyfinestspeakers.com. For questions about SMS Parent Program Committee, please e-mail Susette Acocella sacocella@optonline.net or Teresa Lombardi LombardiDT@aol.com. For information about the high school program, please contact Debbie Aidala dca1958@aol.com or Linda Morgante lindamorgante@optonline.net.