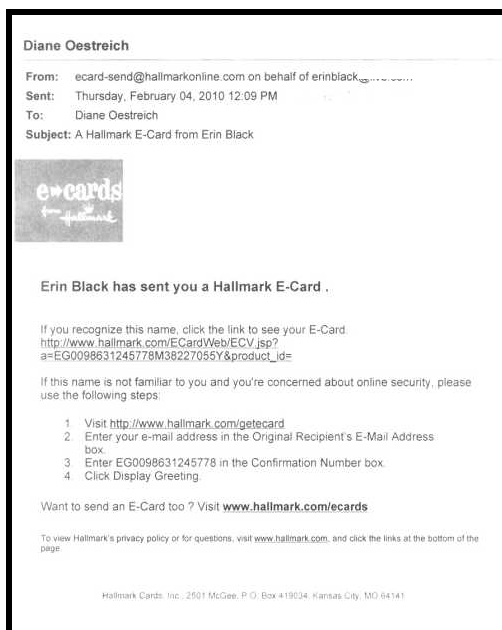
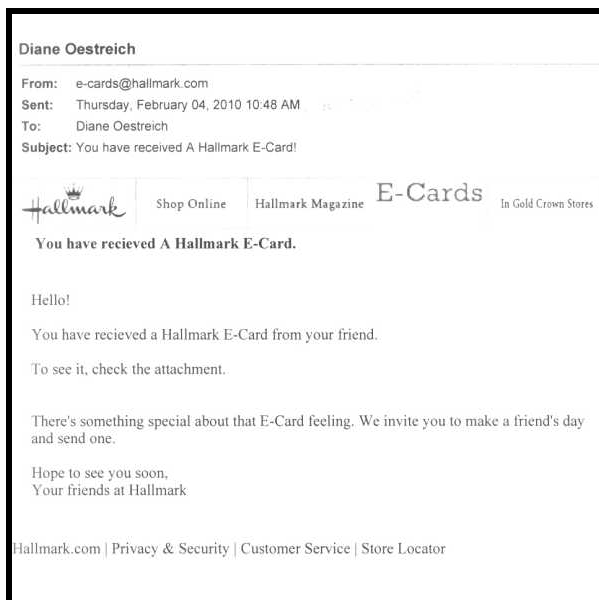


Cybersafety Week: Phishing

Phishing: a scam by which an e-mail user is duped into revealing personal or confidential information which the scammer can use illegally. (Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary definition)

Example of a phishing scam:



Which is the real Hallmark ecard greeting notification? *

Why should you care about phishing even though you are in high school? Because you are a **BLANK SLATE** and **PRIME TARGET** for a phishing predator! Most of you have no credit card history or banking history and think you have no reason to be on guard. However, a phisher can take your information and rack up huge debts and commit other crimes in YOUR NAME! And you won't know about it until it's too late! Like when you apply for FAFSA for college or try to apply for your first job and they run your credit history. Or, even worse, if you get arrested for crimes you didn't commit but someone using your name did!

BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!

Don't reply to text, email, or pop-up messages that ask for personal or financial information!

Don't give out personal information on the phone in response to a text message!

Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any files from emails you receive regardless of who sent them!

Use security software and update it regularly!

Forward phishing emails to spam@uce.gov

* The bottom image is the real Hallmark ecard greeting notification. The top image is what FUHS staff received two weeks ago as part of multiple virus attacks against the district.