

# THE WEEKLY GEEK

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## Welcome to The Weekly Geek

This is a new e-newsletter from the Information & Instructional Technology Departments at Dakota County Technical College. Each week will have a different technology related topic.



Presuming you are still reading this, it is safe to assume that the world has not ended today despite the predictions of an ancient stone tablet.

Just think if it were not for the Internet, we probably wouldn't even be talking about this – the Internet acts like the biggest gossip line ever created. You get an email and it looks like it could be true, so you forward it to your friends and family. They get the email and it must be true if you sent it to them, so they forward it on to their friends and family and pretty soon the whole world is in a buzz about the information in the email – even if it isn't true.

Here is some responses to the Doomsday December 21, 2012 from NASA & the SETI Institute:

[SETI Doomsday Fact Sheet](#)

[NASA: Why the World Won't End in 2012](#)

Here are some other resources for checking out rumors, urban legends and hoaxes:

<http://www.snopes.com/>



**OnGuardOnline.gov**

[Avoiding Scams Online: Resource from the Federal Trade Commission](#)

Here are a few more recent Internet Hoaxes:

[Eagle Snatches Baby Video](#)

[Stories from Sandy Hook Tragedy](#)

[Top Celebrity Deaths as \(Falsely\) Reported on Twitter](#)

**Weekly Geek Rule to Live By Online:**

Just because you read it on the Internet doesn't make it true.