

## St. Joseph Catholic School: Internet Policy

Use of the internet provides great educational benefits to students. Unfortunately; however, some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory or potentially offensive to some people and contrary to the religious beliefs and moral values of the Catholic Church. **We will educate our students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and responses.** Access to the Internet is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that the students and parents/guardians read, and then sign the following rules for acceptable on-line behavior:

1. Students are responsible for displaying appropriate behavior when using the internet. All school rules for proper behavior apply.
2. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Files are subject to review by appropriate officials without prior notice.
3. The following behaviors will not be permitted:
  - a. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
  - b. Using obscene language
  - c. Harassing, insulting or attacking others
  - d. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
  - e. Violating copyright laws
  - f. Games are prohibited unless assigned by a teacher or are for educational purposes
  - g. Intentionally wasting limited resources including the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcasted to mailing lists or individuals
  - h. Employing the network for commercial purposes
  - i. Revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission from the teacher
  - j. Use of chat rooms which are morally inappropriate and violate Catholic Doctrine or moral teachings
4. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as disciplinary or legal action.

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I have read the rules for acceptable on-line behavior understand the rules and agree to comply with the above stated rules. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I may lose network privileges at my school and face disciplinary action.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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As a parent/legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the above student to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and Internet. I understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_