
ST. JAMES SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2010-2011

INTERNET CONSENT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We are pleased to offer our students access to the computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to the Internet all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. However, some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that your children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to permit electronic access by their children.

DIOCESAN INTERNET RULES

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreement they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring and controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system's integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on the school's servers would be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media which may be abused.

As outlined in diocesan policy and procedures, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computer, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using others' password
- Trespassing in others' folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Logging on personal e-mail or any social network utility (i.e., face book)
- Website access without permission from instructor

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a user of St. James School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the rules stated in this document-communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Signature of Student

Grade

PARENT CONSENT

As the parent or legal guardian of the student(s) signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the network computer services such as the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use – setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____