

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Trinity Catholic School offers Internet access for student use. This document is the Acceptable Use Policy for your use of the Internet. This Internet system has been established for a limited educational purpose to include classroom activities, career development, and limited high quality, self-discovery activities. It has not been established as a public access or public forum and Trinity Catholic School has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post, the training you need to have before you are allowed to use the system, and enforce all rules set forth in the school code and the laws of the state. Further, you may not use this system for commercial purposes to offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the system or use the system for political lobbying. Access to the Internet is available through your school only with permission of the principal or his/her designee and your parents.

What is possible?

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information and exchange of personal communication with other Internet users around the world. Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. While the purposes of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive educational goals and filtering or screening software is in use, 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 the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Therefore, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether to apply for access.

What is expected?

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with district standards and the specific rules set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, or send anything that they would not want others to see.

What are the rules?

Privacy – Network and/or computer storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and insure that individuals are using the system responsibly.

Illegal copying – Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the Network Administrator. Nor should students copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files. All copyright laws must be adhered to. Students should never make illegal copies of copyrighted software, nor shall they illegally load copyrighted software on computers that are not licensed specifically for that software.

Inappropriate materials or language – No profane, abusive or impolite language should not be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behavior. A good rule to follow is never view, send, or access materials which you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately.

E-mail – Students may not access personal e-mail accounts at school. All school e-mail will be conducted through teacher/student accounts and must be opened and monitored by the teacher.

STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

I have read the rules for acceptable online behavior, understand the rules, and agree to comply with the above stated rules. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I will lose network privileges at my school and be subject to all school rules relating to computer usage and printed and non-printed materials.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT PERMISSION FORM AND USER AGREEMENT

As a parent or guardian of a student at Trinity Catholic School, I have read the above information about the appropriate use of computers at the school and I understand this agreement will be kept on file at school. (Questions should be directed to the principal for clarification.)

_____ My child may use the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined.

_____ I would prefer that my child not use the Internet while at school.

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTS' PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF STUDENT WORK/PICTURES

I, the parent/guardian of the above-named student, have the authority to and do hereby give permission to Trinity Catholic School and/or any employee or agent thereof to use my name, photos, videos, and/or pictures of my child in connection with class and/or school activities for which he/she is enrolled or in the promotion of those classes and/or school activities. (*media promotions, yearbook, newspaper articles, the Trinity Catholic website, and for promotional and informational purposes by the school.*)

I agree to hold Trinity Catholic School or its authorized personnel harmless from any liability that may occur in the publishing of the above information.

Furthermore, I waive all residual rights or claims, monetary or otherwise, that might arise because of lawful use of this information.

Name of Parent (please print): _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Approved: Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS AGREEMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY AUGUST 28, 2011