

# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Internet Access Policy / Permission / Denial Form

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St. Mary's Catholic School is pleased to offer students access to the building computer network, including word processing and the Internet. We continually strive to upgrade our software and hardware to enhance the learning environment of our school. It takes a commitment from all of us to keep technology running smoothly.

St. Mary's Catholic School will operate under an "opt out" policy for students regarding Internet Access. This means that students will be assumed to have parent/guardian permission to access the Internet at St. Mary's Catholic School unless the school has received a written statement from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) that the student does not have Internet Access permission.

**Computer Conduct** — Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers and computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. School rules for behavior and communications apply as stated in the Student/Family Handbook. Understand that in accessing the Internet at St. Mary's Catholic School, students will be expected to adhere to the St. Mary's Catholic School Acceptable Use Policy:

**Acceptable Use** — The Internet may be used by students for research and educational activities. Users will abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Utilization of computer/network resources may be monitored. Users are warned that they should possess no illusions of privacy while using a school computer. St. Mary's Catholic School may access computer files and history at ANY time. To protect against downloading viruses from the Internet and introducing potential risk to the St. Mary's Catholic School network: virus-check all files downloaded off the Internet and obtain approval from the technology coordinator for any software loaded on a St. Mary's Catholic School computer. The use of shareware, freeware and public-domain software without prior approval is prohibited and can put our networks at risk.

Activities not permitted include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Using the network and/or the School's Internet connection to access, download, store, distribute and/or display any material (language, text, graphic, photo, or audio) which is defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, threatening, or sexually explicit to the average person and Catholic Values.
- ◆ Harassing, insulting, or threatening others physically or emotionally
- ◆ Violating copyright laws
- ◆ Damaging computers, computer systems, computer files, or computer networks
- ◆ Giving, using, or changing another's ID and/or password
- ◆ Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- ◆ Impersonating another individual
- ◆ Intentionally wasting limited resources, including chain e-mail messages
- ◆ Employing network resources for commercial purposes or financial gain
- ◆ Removing any part of the equipment, software, and/or materials
- ◆ Illegal activities and use of the Internet in furtherance of illegal activities
- ◆ Treat computers in an irresponsible manner

**Consequences** — inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action by the Principal that may result in suspended, revoked, or canceled computer and Internet Access by that user.

**Liability** — St. Mary's Catholic School makes no warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, for Internet service. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at each user's risk. St. Mary's Catholic School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet.

I have read and understand St. Mary's Catholic School Internet Access Policy.

A parent/guardian should initial one of the blocks:

- I grant permission for computer use and Email/Internet Access
- I deny permission for my child to be on a computer

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Student's Signature      Date

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Student's Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian's Signature      Date

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name