

Saint Margaret Mary School

Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

(Please read this document carefully before signing.)

Internet access is available to students at Saint Margaret Mary School.

We are very pleased to bring this access and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to students is to promote educational excellence in school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students have access to:

- 1) Information, news and other research institutions.
- 2) Public domain software and graphics for school use.
- 3) Various online encyclopedias.
- 4) The Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math programs.
- 5) Graphical access to the World Wide Web.
- 6) Google applications for education accounts

With access to computers all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has taken precautions (through hardware and software firewalls) to restrict access to controversial and inappropriate materials; however, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We, at Saint Margaret Mary School, firmly believe that the valuable information on the worldwide web network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of our school.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the

end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware

of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Saint Margaret Mary School user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied along with the possibility of additional disciplinary action.

The signature(s) at the end of this document indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet--Terms and Conditions of Use

1. Acceptable Use - The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Saint Margaret Mary School. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade law.

2. Privileges - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The school administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, school administrators may close an account at any time as required. The faculty and staff of Saint Margaret Mary School may request that an administrator deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3. Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

a. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

b. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers.

c. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is prohibited at Saint Margaret Mary School.

d. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

e. Students may not visit chat rooms or social networking sites of any kind.

f. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

g. Willfully accessing or creating inappropriate or obscene material, or bringing contaminated files to school on a USB drive, will result in disciplinary action as deemed

fit by school administrators.

4. Saint Margaret Mary School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Saint Margaret Mary School will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, incorrect deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Saint Margaret Mary School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

5. Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher or school administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

6. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

7. Right of Privacy- A student has no right of privacy with their folders or documents. Saint Margaret School reserves the right to view all students' work and take disciplinary action as deemed necessary by school administration.

School Internet Use Agreement

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation

of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

User's Full Name: _____ Homeroom _____

User Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Saint Margaret Mary School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

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