

## 2011-2012 Technology Users Agreement and Parent Permission Form

St. Mary's provides all students with relevant technological opportunities because technology has an ever-increasing and permanent role in society. Technology is a tool with inherent interdisciplinary nature. Since it is a basic life skill, it should be integrated into areas of the curriculum.

There are ethical, social and legal issues in the use of technology. We, as Catholic school educators, believe that we must prepare students from an early age in the use of technology and provide them with an understanding of its concepts and responsibilities.

Access to telecommunications will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards throughout the world. Internet is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a respectful and responsible manner. The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers and computer systems
- Violating copyright laws
- Accessing materials which have not been designated for student use by an educator.

Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. Disciplinary or legal action will be taken against those who abuse this privilege.

As a user of the St. Mary's Grade School computer network, I have reviewed and agree to comply with the school's etiquette rules governing communication over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

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Student Signature

Date

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

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Parent Signature

Date

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Name of Student

Grade

**YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK ON THE INTERNET UNTIL THIS FORM IS RETURNED.**