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*"Sharing the love of the Heart of Christ!"*

*"Catholic Schools Light the Way"*

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## **ST. ROCCO SCHOOL COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

Please read this document carefully before signing the agreement.

Internet access is available to students and teachers at St. Rocco School. We are thrilled to have Internet access, as we believe it is a valuable resource to both students and faculty members. Our goal is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet connects millions of computers all over the world to millions of individual users. Access to the Internet will enable our students to explore thousands of libraries, and databases while exchanging messages with users throughout the globe. In addition, the system will be used to increase school communication, enhance productivity, and assist employees in upgrading their skills through greater exchange of information with their peers.

Some material may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Families should be warned that some material obtained via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We have provided for some Internet content filtering to limit access to inappropriate material. Please be advised that no filtering solution is perfect and students are expected to follow established rules for computer and Internet use. We firmly believe, however, that the benefits to students from online access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the use of Internet resources is consistent with our mission, goals, and objectives. Students must adhere to these guidelines set forth by St. Rocco School that you are about to assume. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her access may be terminated and future access could be denied in accord with the rules and regulations discussed with each user.

To gain access to the Internet, all students must first obtain parental permission. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance including without limitations the disclaimer of liability by St. Rocco School.

## Computer and Internet – Terms and Conditions

- 1) Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom, or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.
- 2) The network is provided for students to conduct research by visiting various sites. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege – not a right. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of Internet and/or computer privileges. The principal and Technology Coordinator will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The faculty and staff may request the principal to deny, revoke, or suspend specific users.
- 3) Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online.
- 4) Users are not permitted to use the computer for commercial purposes, advertising, or political lobbying and campaigning unless given written permission by the principal.
- 5) Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any material that is libelous, defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, illegal or contrary to the mission of St. Rocco School.
- 6) Tampering with computer resources, whether it is physical or electronic, is not permitted. Damaging computer, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in cancellation of privileges and the costs incurred for repair.
- 7) Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated and appropriate action will be taken. Users must respect all copyright and other laws that protect software owners, artists, and writers.
- 8) Security on any computer system is a high priority especially when the system involves many users. If there is a security problem involving one of the school's computers, network, or Internet connection, you must notify the technology coordinator or the principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Using other students' password or trespassing in someone's folder, work, or files without written permission is prohibited. Attempts to gain unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other lawful activities may result in cancellation of user privileges.
- 9) St. Rocco School assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. **WE SPECIFICALLY DENY ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR QUALITY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH ITS SERVICES.**
- 10) Those who operate the system may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and insure that students are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be referred to the appropriate authorities. Administration and faculty may review and share student files and messages for educational purposes.
- 11) Students are not allowed to go to chat rooms, bulletin boards, newsgroups or to have personal email accounts at school. They cannot access personal email accounts or engage in instant messaging; to communicate with anything but their first name; or download

files from the Internet without specific instructions from the teacher or do so for educational purposes.

- 12) Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of anyone's personal identification information is prohibited. Authorization must be in writing.
- 13) In the event that students inadvertently access a questionable site, they are required to immediately report to the supervising teacher, and not demonstrate to others any site that is in anyway offensive or disturbing by St. Rocco School standards.
- 14) Students are not allowed to set-up or go to a meeting with someone they have met on the Internet and must report any attempt to set-up a meeting to the supervising teacher.

Any violations may result in a loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

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**St. Rocco School Signature Computer Agreement**

**STUDENT SECTION**

I have read and understand the school's Computer and Internet Use Agreement. I agree to follow the rules contained in this Agreement. I understand that if I violate the rules, my computer privileges can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

User Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION**

As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I have read and understand this Computer and Internet Use Agreement and consent and authorize my son, daughter or ward to access the Internet. I understand that the school's computing resources are to be used for educational purposes. I will not hold St. Rocco School or its employees responsible for materials acquired on the Internet or network or for damages incurred through the use of its computers or services.

Parent/Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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