

## **Saints Peter and Paul School Internet Policy**

### **Internet Use Policy**

Ss. Peter and Paul School complies with the Diocese of Springfield's Social Media Policy ~ revised July 2012. You may access this policy either by contacting the school office or on FastDirect Links. Computers are used to support, extend, and enhance learning and instruction. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers. The internet links computers around the world, giving Ss. Peter and Paul staff and students access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. It is the policy of Ss. Peter and Paul School that all computer resources, including the internet, are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. The following guidelines have been developed to outline how the internet is to be used by Ss. Peter and Paul staff and students. A staff member or student's failure to use the internet in the manner described below will result in revocation of access privileges.

### **Acceptable Use of the Internet**

The internet will only be used for instructional purposes directly related to learning goals set by the classroom teacher and the curriculum objectives established by the school.

### **Student Access to the Internet**

All students will have access to the internet through their classroom and lab computers. These information resources will be pre-approved and reviewed by instructional faculty and staff. Students will only have email access under their teacher's direct supervision using a classroom account.

### **Unacceptable Uses of the Internet**

The following non-inclusive list of communications or actions are examples of unacceptable uses of the internet:

- ~Unauthorized searching and browsing with internet information resources.
- ~Using profanity, obscenity, or other language in messages that may be offensive to others.
- ~Sending messages that attack or insult others.
- ~Sending messages to someone after you have been told to stop.
- ~Posting personal communication without the author's consent.
- ~Posting anonymous messages.
- ~Posting messages with personal contact information about yourself or others.
- ~Agreeing to meet with someone you have met online without your parent's approval.
- ~Damaging computers, computer systems or networks, including the data of others.
- ~Sharing your password with others.
- ~Use of network for illegal activity including copyright law violation or other software contracts.
- ~Using the network for financial or commercial gain or political lobbying.

### **User Rights**

Your constitutional right to free speech applies to your communications on the internet. Ss. Peter and Paul School may not restrict your speech solely on the basis of a disagreement with the opinions you

are expressing. However, Ss. Peter and Paul School may restrict your use on the internet if your communications are not directly related to the learning goals set by the administration or classroom teacher and the curriculum objectives established by the school.

You should expect only limited privacy in the contents of your personal files on your individual storage devices. The situation is similar to the rights you have in the privacy in your desk.

Your parents have the right at any time to request to see the contents of your personal files on your individual storage devices, including emails files.

### **User Responsibilities**

Your access to the internet is a privilege not a right. Continued internet access is based upon compliance set out in this policy.

How you use the internet reflects upon the reputation of Ss. Peter and Paul School and shows others what kind of person you are.

### **Modifications of Internet Use Policy**

This policy can be modified at any time in order to meet arising needs and changing conditions in the field of internet technology. Notifications to this Policy will be given to the student and appropriate staff.