



Internet User Agreement

Internet access is available to students and teachers of St. Rose of Lima School. We are very pleased to bring this access to St. Rose and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. To equip our students with 21st Century skills, it is essential that our students become familiar with the operation and appropriate use of the Internet.

Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting hundreds of thousands of computers and millions of individual subscribers all over the world. Students and teachers have access to many curriculum-related resources. Examples of the types of materials that may be accessed:

- Information on a variety of topics via several internet search engines (Yahoo, Google, etc.)
- Discussion groups on a variety of topics ranging from culture to the environment to music and politics.
- Access to many university libraries and the Library of Congress.
- Photos from museum and library collections from all around the world.

Access to computers and people all over the world makes available materials that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Please know that our St. Rose teachers will take utmost precautions to restrict access to controversial materials and to supervise students diligently while working on the internet. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information.

It must be made clear that, although we do use a filter and your child's use of the Internet will be closely supervised, we cannot guarantee that a student will not be able to access information that you might consider objectionable. Therefore, it is imperative that both students and their parents be aware of each individual student's responsibility for all ethical and appropriate Internet use. Just as students are expected to behave properly in the classroom and school hallways, they will also be required to behave responsibly while using school computers and networks.

Parents are STRONGLY encouraged to monitor student Internet and e-mail use at home.

Instant messages, e-mails, and websites that harm the character and well-being of another student, while done outside of school, fall under our discipline policy. Because the relationship between students may be affected within the school we hold our students accountable for home Internet Use as it affects those with whom they relate at school. Students violating the Internet User Agreement at home while involving other students/staff will be subject to the same disciplinary actions as if the violation occurred at school.

Technical resources are provided to help students meet their information needs within the context of teacher planned assignments and school-sponsored activities. Access to these resources, however, is a privilege, not a right. It is permitted only on the condition that a student agrees to act in a responsible manner. School staff reserves the right to suspend or terminate the use of the Internet by any student who violates these policies. Similarly, Internet use is subject to all policies and regulations that govern student behavior in other school activities.

If a St. Rose School user violates any of these provisions, (listed on the next page), the students will be referred to the principal and will receive a warning for the first offense. A second offense of the stated policy will terminate that student's use of the Internet at school for one calendar year.

The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

If you have any questions regarding the information herein, please feel free to contact me at (317) 738- 3451, or ktekippe@stroselions.netto:

Thank you,

Mrs. Kim Tekippe
Principal

Provisions of the Internet User Agreement

- 1. Acceptable Use** – The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and around academic institutions in the US by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the school's account and equipment must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Rose of Lima School. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to Copyrighted material, threatening, pornographic or obscene material.
- 2. Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in the cancellation of those privileges. Each student who uses the Internet at school will be part of a discussion with a St. Rose School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. Anytime a student wishes to use the Internet at school, he/she must have a faculty member's permission and be under the direct supervision of that faculty member. The faculty members will deem what is or isn't appropriate and their decision is final. The administration, faculty or staff of St. Rose School may deny, revoke, or suspend that student's use of the Internet.
- 3. Network Etiquette** – Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette at school and at home. These include (but are not limited to) the following: Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or that of other students or colleagues. Any student who receives a request for unsolicited information will immediately report that to the supervising teacher. That teacher will report this incident to appropriate authorities.
 - Do not use the Internet in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by others.
 - No student will be allowed to use any type of Instant Messenger service at school nor will they be allowed to access Facebook, MySpace, or the like from school. When at home, students should get permission from parents to enter chat rooms, especially if other students are involved.
 - St. Rose does not allow students to access email accounts from school or to send emails from school.
 - All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- 4. 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 faculty member. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
- 5. Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in the cancellation of privileges and prosecution. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of other users, Internet, any of the above listed agencies or any other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. To protect against possible infections, no one is to download any software without the permission of the technology coordinator or the school principal.
- 6. Web Pages** – St. Rose sponsored web pages must be registered with the technology coordinator and the principal and have a current faculty sponsor. No other web pages can use the St. Rose name, logo, or any reference to St. Rose.

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I understand and will abide by the attached Internet User 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, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. (All students in grades 3-8 must sign this agreement in order to use the internet at school.)

User Signature _____ Date _____

User Signature _____ Date _____

User Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet User Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that St. Rose has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

_____ I give my child permission to use the Internet while at school and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ I do NOT give my child permission to use the Internet while at school.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

No student will be allowed to use the Internet unless this form is signed and on file.
