

Computer Labs with Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy

Christ Our Savior Catholic School is pleased to offer students Internet access for the purpose of promoting the use of telecommunication and networking technology as a tool to enhance classroom teaching and learning. All use of the network must be consistent with the purpose and be in accordance with this policy. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission as verified by the signatures on the permission form. Should a parent prefer that a student not have Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for more traditional purposes.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums and other repositories of information. While the goal of Christ Our Savior Catholic School is to use Internet resources for constructive educational purposes, students may find ways to access other material. Parents should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain information that is defamatory, inaccurate, illegal or potentially offensive. We believe that the benefits to students from the Internet in the form of information, resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages; but, ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Therefore, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize your child's Internet use.

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The use of the Internet and school network is a privilege and may be revoked if abused. The student is responsible for their actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. Inappropriate communication utilizing the network or the Internet will result in the loss of these privileges.

Computer network storage areas are for student use on the condition that they will be used in a manner consistent with the law and school rules. School and network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and to insure that students are using the system responsibly. School personnel may monitor student use of the network including, but not limited to email, Internet access, storage media, printing and other network related activities. Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware or freeware onto network drives, computer drives or floppy disks, unless they have permission from an administrator or teacher. A student should never copy another student's work or intrude into their files.

Loss or Network and Internet Privileges

A student loses network privileges if they:

- Uses a computer to harm other people or their work.
- Intentionally damages the computer, network or any related equipment.
- Installs software, shareware or freeware without permission.
- Violates the copyright laws or makes unauthorized copies of software or information.
- Views, sends or displays offensive messages or pictures.
- Accesses, alters or deletes another student's saved work.
- Fails to inform a teacher if they accidentally encounter inappropriate material while on the Internet.

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