

# Holy Cross Catholic School

## Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

(Please read this document carefully before signing)

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the Holy Cross Catholic School. We are very pleased to bring this access to Holy Cross Catholic School and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to the endless wealth of information available on the Internet as well as some of the services the Internet provides. With this access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Holy Cross Catholic School has taken precautions to automatically prevent access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (Holy Cross Catholic School) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the world wide network far out weighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Holy Cross Catholic School user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and further access could possibly be denied.

The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates that party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

### **Internet--Terms and Conditions of Use**

1. **Acceptable Use**--The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support resource and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Holy Cross Catholic School. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.

2. **Privileges**--The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student or teacher who receives an account will be part of a discussion with a Holy Cross Catholic School staff member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Holy Cross Catholic School may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

**3. Network Etiquette**--You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following: a. Be polite. Do not get abusive in you messages to others. b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. c. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden. d. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues. e. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do not have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities maybe reported to the authorities. f. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. g. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

4. Holy Cross Catholic School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Holy Cross Catholic School will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Holy Cross Catholic School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through its services.

**5. Security**--Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves any users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a Holy Cross Catholic School staff member. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the internet.

**6. Vandalism**--vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

## Please return only the last page after it has been completed.

### **School Internet Use Agreement**

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use 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, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be brought to bear.

**Grades Pre-school through grade 2** - Parent please date and print student's name:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Grades 3 through 8** - Student please date, print name and sign.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Holy Cross Catholic School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Holy Cross Catholic School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_