

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (2012-2013)
INTERNET ACCESS / E-MAIL PERMISSION FORM**

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator and principal will deem what is inappropriate use. This policy is a contract between the student and Sacred Heart Cathedral School (SHCS).

Individual Access - The Internet is used in grades 3-8 for school research projects. In addition, students in grades 4-8 will be assigned filtered e-mail accounts for use at school. Correspondence from these accounts will be filtered for inappropriate language and content. Currently this service is provided by KidBits. Student Internet access is supervised and filtered by our firewall (Lightspeed) which uses a subscription list of inappropriate sites.

Students will be issued a confidential login name and password. They will be held accountable for all actions that occur under this login and password. If a student shares their password or login with a friend and their friend uses the computer in an unacceptable manner, then both students will face the consequences of that action. If the student requests a password change, it is the student's responsibility to report the new password to their computer teacher. If inappropriate language or content is discovered, disciplinary action will take place.

Network Etiquette - Your child is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- b. Do not reveal your age or the school you attend. Do not reveal the personal address or phone number of students, teachers, administrators or yourself.
- c. Do not post pictures of yourself for any reason at any time.
- c. Be polite. Do not be abusive in any postings on the Internet.
- d. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

Social Networking Sites / E-Mail - Accessing or participating in any e-mail conversations or social networking websites (i.e. MySpace, FaceBook) which maligns our school, faculty, families or students will result in consequences which may include Detention, Suspension or Expulsion. If a slanderous posting is brought to the attention of the school, whether this posting was made on campus or on an off-campus computer, then Sacred Heart Cathedral School reserves the right to take disciplinary action. **Cyberbullying** and mean or libelous postings will not be tolerated.

For the student (Grades 3rd - 8th):

I understand and will abide by the SHCS Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary actions, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Name (please print) _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature _____

For the parent or guardian:

As the parent or guardian of the student listed above, I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that although the Internet in general provides a vast resource of material that serves educational purposes, it is possible to access material that may be considered inappropriate. I also understand that the Internet is an open network that is not self-regulated and that student access will be supervised by teachers. However, I also recognize it is impossible for SHCS to restrict access to all controversial sites. These sites will be blocked as soon as they are brought to the attention of the system administrator.

I hereby acknowledge that any use of telecommunications services for cyberbullying, or for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities, is prohibited and that violators will be held accountable and be subject to disciplinary measures. I understand that the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee assumes no liability for the content of any advice or information acquired over the Internet, or any cost or charges incurred from this advice or information.

Permission for School Internet Access and E-Mail Account:

If no selection is indicated, it will be interpreted as YES and your child will be allowed to access the Internet.

[] YES [] NO I hereby grant permission for my child to be allowed to participate in classroom activities and research which involve accessing the Internet.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print) _____ / _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ / _____