



Dear Parent or Guardian:

We wanted to share with you that we are starting the 2021-2022 school year with an additional measure to help keep your child safe and more scholarly online. Once again, St. Mary Catholic School will be employing online services provided by GoGuardian.

### **How are we using GoGuardian?**

We have chosen GoGuardian Admin and GoGuardian Teacher services to:

- Help protect students against harmful and inappropriate online material
- Help students stay “scholarly” and more focused when learning online
- Help assess students’ progress towards class assignments.
- Facilitate communication between teachers and students during class time.

### **When and how does GoGuardian operate?**

GoGuardian’s web-based services operate on our school’s managed G Suite for Education Chrome accounts and devices (i.e. when a student is logged into Chrome or a Chromebook with his/her St. Mary Catholic school email address).

### **What are the school’s responsibilities?**

St. Mary Catholic School selected GoGuardian services to help our students stay safer and more scholarly online. We will continue to work with our students during class time to help teach them digital responsibility and safety. Additionally, teachers have received and will continue to receive training about how to operate GoGuardian and about their policies and procedures to help protect student privacy.

### **What are my parental/guardian and child's responsibilities?**

We ask that students use their school-managed Google accounts and school-managed devices for educational purposes following the St. Mary Catholic School Acceptable Use Policy and the 10 Commandments of Technology.

As a reminder when a student is off-campus, parents are responsible for supervising internet access and usage. We encourage you to discuss rules for appropriate internet usage with your child and to reinforce lessons of digital citizenship and safety with him or her. We also highly encourage you to report any potential cyberbullying or other sensitive issues to us.

### **What are my choices as a parent/guardian?**

You may opt-out to not use this service while at home. However, this service will be used in the classroom and with school devices that go home for student use.

### **How does GoGuardian help protect my child's privacy?**

To help your child remain scholarly and safe online, GoGuardian collects certain personally identifiable information about your child. GoGuardian has consulted with privacy experts, participates in privacy organizations, is a proud signatory of the Student Privacy Pledge, and has been awarded certifications by iKeepSafe for complying with both the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and California student privacy laws. For more detailed information about GoGuardian, you may visit GoGuardian's website, Trust & Privacy Center, GoGuardian's Product Privacy Policy, and the attached COPPA Notice and Disclosure Form.

We are here to answer any questions that you may have. Please reach out to Brian Hull who will be available to answer your questions at [bhull@stmarysspokane.org](mailto:bhull@stmarysspokane.org) or 509-924-4300 ext. 208

Sincerely,

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Ben Walker, Principal

St. Mary Catholic School