

Saint Therese School Internet Use Policy

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This guideline is established to ensure understanding and application of Saint Therese School Internet Use Policy. Saint Therese School reserves the right to amend these guidelines at any time. It is understood that the administration of Saint Therese School will inform parents/guardians of any changes through written communication from the principal via Option C and/or Saint Therese Times weekly newsletter. **Students' parents and/or guardians are required to review these guidelines with their child(ren) and complete and return a parent/guardian consent form annually.**

This guideline includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Information and news from a wide variety of sources and research institutions
- Public domain and shareware software of all types
- Discussion groups
- Access to any educational institutions and libraries

Internet Etiquette

All students are required to:

- Be polite when sending written messages to others
- Use appropriate language in all messages
- Avoid anything pertaining to illegal activity
- Protect information, personal or otherwise
- Respect others' access to the internet
- Remember that deleted materials can be retrieved

The following actions, which are not inclusive, are considered unacceptable actions:

- Placing unlawful information on the Internet
- Using the Internet for non-school related activities
- Sending messages that are likely to result in loss of the recipients work or systems
- Using the Internet for commercial purposes
- Using the Internet for political lobbying
- Sending or receiving copyrighted material without permission
- Plagiarism
- Using Internet access to send or retrieve pornographic material, inappropriate file text, files dangerous to the integrity of the system, violent or threatening material or messages
- Circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks
- Vandalism
- Falsifying one's identity
- Using social network sites
- Using the Internet to harass another person or engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks, cyber bullying

Students who have been issued a Chromebook may take the Chromebook home outside of school hours. Parents/Guardians of students who choose to do so must sign an acknowledgement indicating their responsibility for the device and the cost of replacement. Students taking the device home must bring it back to school each day fully charged. The charger should be returned daily as well. All students will have access to Google Classroom outside of school. Permission slips for the Chromebooks, in addition to the internet release, are needed before the students can use the Chromebook.

Conduct, whether inside or outside the school, which is detrimental to the reputation of the school, can result in discipline. Therefore, defamatory or threatening statements and images exchanged on social media can result in discipline of the student account holders.

No one may use the school name, logo or motto on any type of social media or in any other way, e.g. putting the name on t-shirts without the express written permission of the administration of Saint Therese School.