

## **St. Barnabas Student Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

All use of computers and the Internet at St. Barnabas Elementary School shall reflect the Christian and educational principles set forth in the school mission statement.

The following specific uniform practices and guidelines constitute the required Acceptable Use Policy for St. Barnabas School. The students of St. Barnabas School will follow this policy. Students and teachers may access and use the educational resources on the Internet that promote educational excellence. We strongly believe that these resources are effective ways to introduce and educate students to the global nature of information. Access through St. Barnabas School is specifically for educational purposes, such as research and project development, and it will be guided and monitored by the supervisory staff.

With access of people and computers all over the world comes the availability of materials that may not be considered of educational value in the context of the school setting. St. Barnabas School has taken available precautions to restrict access of objectionable materials; however, on a global network it is impossible to control all material and a user may inadvertently discover controversial or inappropriate information. We strongly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may obtain objectionable material.

### **Guidelines**

Use of another users' password or attempt to tamper with other peoples' data or to gain unauthorized access to data on the Network, Internet, or Intranet is prohibited.

Vandalizing or attempting to vandalize any equipment or software including introduction of viruses to any system or file will result in disciplinary action.

The Internet is not for commercial use or for personal e-mail.

Computer networks may not be used in a way that disrupts the use of the network by other users or supports illegal activities, as defined by local, state, or federal law.

Reconfiguring or changing setups on any individual computer or in any computer system or attempting to gain access to a networks' restricted or secure area or program is prohibited and will result in the loss of computer privileges.

Use of computer networks for obscene purposes such as the viewing, receipt, storage, or distribution of profanity or other offensive language and s will result in loss of computer privileges.

Use of the Internet without supervision and without signed approval is unacceptable.

Do not commit St. Barnabas or any other person to any financial obligations.

Sharing personal information about yourself or others, i.e., home address, phone numbers, financial information, or social security numbers is unsafe and is prohibited.

All network communications must be courteous and free from inappropriate language.

If you are unsure if an action is appropriate, ask your teacher or the system administrator. Do not share the problem with another student.

Never write or share password information.

Observe all copyright restrictions, obtaining necessary permissions for usage.

Permission from a teacher or staff member must be obtained to download any material from the Internet.

Permission from a teacher or staff member must be obtained to print any material from a St. Barnabas computer.

No software may be loaded on any St. Barnabas School computer.

**Privileges: Internet access at St. Barnabas is a privilege and not a right. Violating any of the guidelines or prohibitions will result in losing all computer access for one year and other disciplinary action may result. In addition, St. Barnabas rules of conduct apply to computer use. An administrator or staff member has the right to request, for cause, that a student's computer privileges be revoked.**

**Disclaimer: St. Barnabas School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. St. Barnabas School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through electronic information resources. St. Barnabas School will not be responsible for financial obligations resulting from school provided access to the Internet. This policy and all its provisions are subordinate to local, state, and federal statutes.**

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_