



**St. Boniface Catholic School  
Internet Use Agreement  
2010-2011 School Year**

**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

Internet access is available to students and teachers at St. Boniface Catholic School. The Internet and its related technologies offer educational resources and communication essential to our students and teachers.

All users must be authorized to gain access and use the St. Boniface Internet connection and related technologies. Each individual must sign this St. Boniface Internet Use Agreement ("Agreement"). This Agreement does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. If the User is a student, both the student and his/her parent/guardian must sign this Agreement. In addition, the sponsoring teacher must sign the Agreement for each student.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with St. Boniface Catholic School's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. **The failure of any User to follow the terms of the Internet Use Agreement will result in the loss of the privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. St. Boniface has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials.

1. Internet sites are password protected.
2. An up-to-date computer program/block is installed in the computer that automatically screens out many objectionable Internet sites.
3. Students are also under teacher supervision when using the Internet.

However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may inadvertently discover controversial information. We believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational and moral goals of our school.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. The smooth operation of these networks relies upon the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to strict guidelines.

Our internet use guidelines are provided to make you aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal use of the network resources. **Inappropriate use and/or violation of the agreement below may result in revocation of computer/internet privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.**

The signature(s) at the end of this document indicate the party (parties) who signed has (have) carefully read the terms and conditions of this Agreement and understand(s) their significance. If the User and the User's parent/guardian wishes to revoke this Agreement, written notification giving reasons for the request for revocation should be submitted to the principal or teacher of St. Boniface. The User's access will be terminated provided the termination does not disrupt a group/class-learning project.

### **Internet – Terms and Conditions**

- 1) **Acceptable Use** – Access to and use of the Internet must be for the purpose of education or research, be consistent with the educational objectives of St. Boniface Catholic School and the Diocese of Springfield, and must comply with state and federal guidelines. Logging onto the computer/internet without permission is not permitted.
- 2) **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right that may be revoked at any time for any reason. Inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of the privilege. (Each student who uses this account will be part of a discussion with a faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.)
- 3) **Private Use** – All information, services, and features contained on St. Boniface School/Parish network resources are intended for the private use of its authorized users and any use of these resources without authorization, in any form, is expressly forbidden.
- 4) **Ownership** – St. Boniface School reserves all rights to any material stored in files brought to school and will remove any material which the School, at its sole discretion, believes objectionable. Students will not use a school computer or computer account to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to such materials.
- 5) **Warranties** – St. Boniface School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. St. Boniface 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 through the Internet is at your own risk. St. Boniface School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its service.
- 6) **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without permission from that individual. Attempting to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Downloading of information to a St. Boniface School hard drive is not permitted—all downloads must be to a portable device with the expressed permission of the teacher. Any user, identified as security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
- 7) **Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other site(s) to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- 8) **Chain Letters** – Chain letters are prohibited on online services and are inappropriate on the Internet. Posting a chain letter to an Internet newsgroup (or e-mail on the Internet) many result in your access privileges being terminated.

- 9) 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 your message to others.
  - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
  - c. Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or the addresses or phone numbers of students, teachers, or colleagues.
  - d. Please remember that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Operators of the system have access to all mail messages. Any messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- 10) Social Networking, Commercial and Personal Communication – Students may not use the Internet for social networking, commercial and/or personal reasons. Social Networking is identified as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.
- 11) Other Inappropriate Posts – Each news group or mailing on the Internet focuses on a particular set of topics, and posts not related to these topics are not welcome by the participants. We suggest that all Internet users become familiar with the guidelines, themes, and culture of the specific newsgroup and mailing lists in which they wish to participate. Posting patently inappropriate material on the Internet may result in suspension or termination of your access privileges.
- 12) Copyrighted and Propriety Materials – Transmitting to the Internet copyrighted or other proprietary material of any kind without the express permission of the right holder is prohibited and will result in terminated of your access privileges. Information gained from the Internet must be properly cited.
- 13) Financial Obligations – The student or parent/guardian will be responsible for any financial obligation incurred through the use of the Network that is not previously approved by the school. Unauthorized charges or fees include, but are not limited to: telephone charges, long distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.
- 14) Indemnification – The User shall indemnify the school for any losses, costs or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the school relating to or arising out of, any breach of the Agreement.



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I understand and will abide by the attached Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations attached is unethical and is a school offense. Should I commit any violation my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name (please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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. St. Boniface Catholic School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for St. Boniface 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 of an online account is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue access privileges for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORING TEACHER**

(Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. As the sponsoring teacher...

- I agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.
- I agree that student must be supervised while on the Internet and that I will instruct students to immediately cancel Internet sites which have objectionable material.
- I agree that St. Boniface password will never be shared with a student.

Teacher's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_