

**The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph  
Internet and Electronic Mail Permission Form**

*St. Peter's School*

We are pleased to offer our students access to the computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to email and the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to your child's teacher.

Access to email and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users through the world. However, some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that your children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to permit electronic access to their children.

**Diocesan Internet and Email Rules**

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege--not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarifications of such standards, the school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on school servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other media which may be abused.

As outlined in Diocesan policy and procedures, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
- Using obscene language.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Using others' passwords.
- Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

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User Agreement and Parent Permission Form**

As a user of the *St. Peter's School* computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above-stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

(Student Signature)	(Date)
(Student Signature)	(Date)
(Student Signature)	(Date)
(Student Signature)	(Date)

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information media.

(Parent Signature)	(Date)
(Name/s of Student/s)	
(School)	(Grade/s)
(Date/s of Birth)	
(Street Address)	(Phone)