

St. John/St. Theresa School Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Educational programs governed by the Catholic Schools Office require the ethical use of the Internet and related technologies by all employees, volunteers and students, as set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy for the use of the Internet and related technologies. Access privileges may be revoked, school/parish disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action taken for any violation that is unethical, and/or may constitute a criminal offense. The use of the Internet and related technologies must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the diocesan school district.

“The Diocese of Baton Rouge and St. John/St. Theresa School advocate the use of innovative technology resource in its students’ academic pursuits. However, because the Internet is a public forum with unrestricted access, all schools contained within the Diocese of Baton Rouge reserve the right to discipline any student for the posting of information on the Internet by that student regardless of the origin of the post. Disciplinary action can be taken as a result of any information or photographs in any format related to any school, faculty/staff member and /or student within the Diocese of Baton Rouge on any web site, chat room, e-mail or other messaging system that is deemed threatening, harassing, or spreading false, defamatory or morally inappropriate material. Any student who fails to adhere to this policy is subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion. In situations in which laws may have been violated, civil authorities may be notified.”

Acceptable Use Guidelines for Students

1. I agree to abide by all rules, which are included in the school’s (St. John/St. Theresa) Acceptable Use Policy
2. I realize that the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right.
3. I realize that the primary purpose of the school’s Internet connection is educational and that as such, education purposes shall take precedence over all others.
4. I agree not to use the Internet connection unless given permission by a teacher or under acceptable supervision.
5. I agree not to participate in the transfer of inappropriate or illegal material through the school’s Internet connection nor engage in the posting of such regardless of the origination of the post.
6. I agree not to use the Internet for making threats of violence, slanderous or derogatory remarks. I understand that posting information or photographs in any format related to school, faculty/staff members, and/or students within the Diocese of Baton Rouge on any website, chat room, e-mail or other messaging system that is deemed threatening, harassing, or spreading false, defamatory or morally inappropriate material is strictly prohibitive.
7. I accept that inappropriate behaviors may lead to penalties including the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, including expulsion, and/or legal action.
8. I understand that vandalism, which includes, but is not limited to, any malicious attempt to harm or destroy any data, hardware, or software, including the uploading or creation of a computer virus, will result in disciplinary action.
9. I release the school, St. John/St. Theresa, and all other organizations related to the school’s Internet connection from any liability or damages that may result from the use of the Internet. In addition, I will accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my actions with regards to the use of the Internet. I release the school and related organization from any liability relating to the consequences resulting from my use of the Internet.

Users of the Internet must be aware that any actions taken by them will reflect upon the school and must be consistent with the philosophy of St. John/St. Theresa School. The principal will have the authority to use his/her discretion to determine appropriateness in any area of uncertainty.

Media Notice

St. John/St. Theresa School reserves the right to use student photos and information on website and advertisements.