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Catholic Schools

If students are to be productive members of the 21st Century workplace, they must move beyond the skills of the 20th Century and master those of the 21st Century. The characteristics of the 21st Century classroom will be very different from those of the classrooms in the past because the focus is on producing students who are highly productive, effective communicators, inventive thinkers, and masters of technology.

During your children's formative years at the elementary and secondary levels, an understanding of technology including Web 2.0 tools will be used that will assist them in their learning over the course of their school experience. New tools arise every day. Some common tools that your children may encounter and use are, but are not limited to:

- Elluminate Live! Now called Blackboard Collaborate is a **virtual web-conferencing and collaboration** tool that allows individuals to "meet" in a virtual space to talk and share content.
- Blogs - A **blog** is a website where student work can be published online. It is also a tool often used for collaboration and communication among students and teachers. "Blog" can also be used as a verb, meaning *to maintain or add content to a blog*.
- Google Apps: A online suite of productivity and digital tools
- Wikis - A **wiki** is a website that allows visitors to add, remove, and edit content online.
- Podcasts - A **podcast** is a digital audio file that is distributed over the Internet for playback on portable media players (such as .mp3 players) and personal computers.
- Videos – a **video** is a recording displaying moving images and audios. Digital video files can incorporate photos, voiceovers and music.
- Social bookmarking - **Social bookmarking** is a way for internet users to store, classify, share and search Internet bookmarks.
- Really Simple Syndication - **RSS** is used to publish frequently updated content such as blog entries, news headlines, or podcasts. It allows users to "subscribe" to internet content. A commonly used tool for RSS is Google Reader.

Also your child's image may be used in a photo or video posted on:

- School website and/or communications
- Archdiocesan or Office of Catholic Education website and/or communications
- Parish website and/or communication

Your child's safety and security are our number one priority. All websites and tools have been and will continue to be thoroughly examined by experienced educators and are used commonly in education today. The Acceptable Use Policy for Technology is posted on our Archdiocesan website. <http://www.catholicschools-phl.org/about-oce/technology>.

Please review the permission form below and complete it so that we are aware of your expectations as a parent of a child(ren) in our school. Thank you.

SIGN & RETURN

**Parental Permission Form
General Technology Use including
Web 2.0, Online Collaboration, Photos and Media Release**

YES - PARENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child to sign up for a <u>personal account on approved educational sites</u> and in accordance with site and school guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child to use <u>his/her school created student email address or a teacher created class account when signing up for accounts.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's work to be <u>published on the school web site, the classroom wiki, and/or on other student classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's photo to be <u>published on the school web site, the classroom wiki, and/or on the other classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher.</u> When photos are used in almost all cases <u>names are not included.</u> Names will be included with photos rarely and only in cases where there is special recognition such as with academic or sport awards/recognition..
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's photo to be <u>published in the school newsletter, in the local newspapers, the Catholic Standard and Times, on school brochures, printed materials and the Archdiocesan website.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my child's photo to be <u>posted on the school or Archdiocesan website or social network page associated with the work of the classroom.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission to the school to permit my <u>child to participate in supervised interviews</u> with the news media concerning events related to the school and its programs.

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the above

* Student's Name:	* Grade:
* Parent's Name:	
* Parent Signature:	Date:

YES - STUDENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my work to be <u>published on the school web site, classroom wiki, and/or on other classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my work to be <u>published in the local newspaper and on school promotional materials</u>

* Student's Signature _____ Date _____



**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
FOR TECHNOLOGY**
Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Student Internet Access Contract

I understand that when I am using the Internet or any other computer/telecommunications device, I must adhere to all rules of courtesy, etiquette, and laws regarding the copying of information as prescribed by either Federal, State, or local laws, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and St. Mary Interparochial School.

My signature below and that of my parents(s) or guardian(s) signature means that I agree to follow the guidelines of this *Acceptable Use Policy for Technology for the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia*.

Student Name/ID _____

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Graduation Year _____

Grade _____

Parent or Guardian: We ask that you review this policy with your child and sign below:

Student Access Contract

I hereby release St. Mary Interparochial School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, its personnel and any other institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the Internet Access, including but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

I will instruct my child regarding any restrictions against accessing materials that are outlined by the *Acceptable Use Policy for Technology for the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia*. I will emphasize to my child the importance of following rules for personal safety.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the *Acceptable Use Policy for Technology for the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia* for St. Mary Interparochial School I hereby give my permission for my child to use the Internet and will not hold St. Mary Interparochial School or the Archdiocese of Philadelphia liable as a result of my daughter's/son's use of the Internet on school premises. I understand that my child has agreed not to access inappropriate material on the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____