Old St. Mary's School
Parent/Guardian Consent Form
Acceptable Use of School Technology by Student

I / we have read the school technology guidelines (at the end of this form), and have discussed them with my child (ren). In consideration of the privilege of my child (ren) using the school's electronic communications system* and in consideration of having access to the public networks, I / we hereby release the school, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the types of damage identified in the **Acceptable Use Procedures (AUP).**

I / We understand that access to the school technology resources is not a private activity and that the school will monitor student activity on any of the school resources including but not limited to the computer system, e-mail system, and other electronic devices and programs. *****

I / we have read the school's technology procedures and regulations and agree to abide by these provisions. Violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access. I / We also understand that any actions taken through the school network that are in violation of the school disciplinary code will be handled in accordance with the code. Appropriate legal authorities may be contacted if there is any suspicion of illegal activity.

Parent/Guardian: (Please initial in space provided below)

_____ I / we **do give** permission for my child to participate in the school's electronic communications system including the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

_____ I / we **do not give** permission for my child to participate in the school's electronic communications system including the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Student: (Please initial in space provided below)

_____ I have discussed, with my parent/guardian, how I may appropriately use the school's technology tools.

Name of Student   **Grade**
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____
_____   _____

Print name of parent/guardian   **Signature of parent/guardian**
_____   _____

Print name of parent/guardian   **Signature of parent/guardian**
_____   _____

Date _____

*Including but not limited to Internet access, fax, e-mail, stand-alone computer, and telephone.
The parent/guardian is responsible for any damage caused through the student's inappropriate use of the school's Internet system.

Acceptable Use Policy
for Technology at Old St. Mary's School

Old St. Mary's Catholic School provides access to computers and the Internet to students to enrich the learning environment. Through the Old St. Mary's School network, students have the opportunity to access the Internet and obtain information from around the world. Students can collaborate with one another and with persons at other locations. They can find documents that contain pictures and text and post their own informational items for others to share. The Internet allows people around the world to share information. The ability to communicate electronically with others and to access information is of great value in instruction. Technology resources are provided to students with the sole purpose of improving the instructional climate and to provide new and innovative educational opportunities.

As required by state law, Old St. Mary's has in place content filtering that blocks multiple categories of objectionable web content including violence, nudity, mature sexual content, criminal and illegal activities, gambling, hate and racism. Combined with close supervision by faculty, and education on safe use of the Internet, our students have the opportunity to safely explore a wealth of educational resources available on the Internet. The purpose of this Acceptable Use Policy is to establish guidelines that provide safe and responsible access to resources by all students.

Acceptable Uses of Technology

1. Creating reports and presentations and other visual displays of knowledge
2. Using software to improve academic skills
3. Using the Internet to research topics
4. Viewing educational videos and simulations
5. Communicating with others to share information or to acquire information on a particular academic topic.
6. Other technology activities that help the student learn, gain and share information that is educational in nature.

Uses of Technology That Are Unacceptable and Strictly Forbidden

1. Deliberate damage to computer equipment, printers, network, etc.

2. Using technology for activities that are not educational, or without the consent of the teacher.
3. Accessing, attempting to access, uploading, downloading or sharing inappropriate material (violence, nudity, mature sexual content, criminal and illegal activities, gambling, hate, racism, etc)
4. Using objectionable, impolite, abusive or profane language.
5. Accessing or attempting to access another person's files without the permission of that person.
6. Violation of copyright laws (illegal use/sharing of software of other files)
7. Plagiarism, which is defined as the using of ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original.
8. Falsifying one's identity while on the Internet.
9. Disabling or attempting to disable protective programs on the school network such as virus protection, content blocking, etc10.
10. Cyberbullying, which is defined as the use of technology to tease, taunt, hurt, threaten, or be cruel to another individual.
11. Giving out personal information such as name, address, telephone number, or email address.
12. Sharing one's password with others, or using another person's password.
13. Intentional sharing or posting of files which are dangerous to the integrity of the network (viruses, etc.)
14. Accessing or attempting to access administrative areas of the school network, or areas not specifically for student use.
15. Use of social networks such as MySpace and FaceBook.
16. Use of chat rooms.
17. Use of instant messaging.
18. Using the network for non-school activities.
19. Food and drinks are prohibited in areas near computers.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Technology

Unacceptable uses of Old St. Mary's School's technology resources may result in the suspension or cancellation of computer privileges, disciplinary measures, as well as monetary and/or legal consequences.