

TECHNOLOGY POLICIES

E-READER POLICY

Privately owned e-reader devices will be allowed at St. Patrick School. Devices may not include games, videos, or internet access. St. Patrick School assumes no responsibility for the loss of, theft of or damage to any personal device. Students must follow St. Patrick School's Technology Policies. Students must register the e-reader device with the school office prior to usage in the building. Students must obtain teacher permission before using the device in class and turn off and put away the device when requested by teacher. Students may use the device before school, during study hall, and after school in adult supervised areas only. No electronic devices are allowed in the lunchroom. School staff may examine a student's personal e-reader device and search its contents at any time.

INTERNET USE POLICY

The network is provided for students to complete class work, conduct research and to communicate with others. Access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

All students using the Internet at St. Patrick School are supervised. Safeguarding features include, but are not limited to, filters, remote desktop monitoring and limited access.

Parental permission is required to access the Internet from the St. Patrick network. Students must agree to follow the Technology Use Policy guidelines. Parents agree to assume financial responsibility for any damages to school equipment and for any legal or financial liabilities incurred by their child. Students are also responsible for their communication on the computer network. Further, parents agree that they will waive any and all liability against St. Patrick School, and all of its employees, regarding any use of the St. Patrick network, or any exposure to the Internet at all, by their child.

All student work will be generated and stored on the St. Patrick computer network. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to insure that students are using the system responsibly. *Users should **not** expect that files stored on the network will remain private.*

Ultimately, parents are responsible to set and convey the standards their children should follow when using all media and information sources. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor home Internet use. The following behaviors are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures on or off the St. Patrick network.
- Intentionally accessing inappropriate material on the Internet.
- Using inappropriate language to harass, insult or attack others.
- Accessing chat rooms or the unauthorized use of email.
- Taking any action that will deny use of the network to other users.
- Damaging any computer equipment or intentionally wasting limited resources.
- Violating copyright laws and any law of the United States, State of Michigan, or local authority; or assisting another person in such behavior.
- Fraudulently representing the Internet users or students identity or anonymously communicating in a manner that violates this policy or the student behavior code.
- Using another student's password, trespassing in another person's folders, work, or files or any other violation of the student behavior code.
- Using school network resources for commercial purposes.

Students should be aware that network administrators will monitor their Internet use. Inappropriate use of computer resources may result in loss of computer privileges as well as other disciplinary or legal action including financial liability for any damages.