CRUCIFIXION SCHOOL INTERNET USE POLICY

PHILOSOPHY
We believe that to more effectively prepare our students for the future we must educate them in the use of the computer, computer terminology, and the associated hardware and software. Students must be confident in their ability to incorporate computer skills in all aspects of their education. We will strive to clearly communicate to the students the importance of the computer and how it affects our modern life. We will reinforce the ideas of the “computer age” while nurturing our students’ Christian upbringing and overall value system.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY
The purpose of this policy is to establish acceptable and safe use of the Internet, including electronic communications. All computers and technology equipment shall be used in a manner that is consistent with the mission and goals of Crucifixion Elementary School and the Diocese of Winona. It also refers to personal or guest technology used on campus, at school or church sponsored events, or on field trips associated with the school. All students, staff, parents, and guest users shall abide by the procedures established by the implementation of this policy. Inappropriate use or intentional misuse of the computers or technology equipment may result in disciplinary or law enforcement action.

USE OF SYSTEM
The use of the school system and access to use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of this policy is also considered a violation of the general school discipline code as stated in the Student-Parent Handbook or Faculty-Staff Handbook and is subject to the same disciplinary actions. The privileges of using the computer network, Internet access, or other means of technology can be suspended or revoked at any time.

TECHNOLOGY RULES

1. Students may use the computer and especially the Internet only when a teacher gives permission and in a way that meets educational and Christian goals.

2. Students’ and staff members’ use of the computers, the Internet, and other technology devices is for school related activities only. School related activities of students are considered to be assignments or projects given and monitored by teachers.

3. Students and staff should be aware that any computer files, email, and Internet use on school computers or devices are NOT private. The school administration can access these files for maintenance or monitoring at any time. In addition, parents have the right, at any time, to review the content of their child’s email or Internet history. Parents may terminate their child’s access to the Internet at any time.

4. Students and staff are to access only their own accounts and no one else’s. Passwords are to not to be shared with others.

5. Use of any type of social networking/social media websites (such as, but not limited to Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc) is prohibited on network computers and guest computers using Crucifixion’s Internet.

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6. Users are to treat all equipment with respect. If there are problems, do not attempt repairs on your own. Contact building administrators.

7. Users may not write, send, download, or display anything considered obscene, threatening, or harassing, or harmful (messages or images). School equipment may not be used to make purchases or offer items for sale unless approved by administration. The school is not responsible for financial obligations resulting from unauthorized use of the Internet.

8. Students and staff are not to share personal information about themselves, friends, families, the school, or any other individual over the Internet. The exception to this is when used in pre-approved ways by staff members in communication with each other or parents and official posts to the school website.

9. Students using the Internet for research are to cite all sources using the bibliography or reference style adopted and taught by the teacher.

10. Parents are partners in keeping our students and our school Internet safe. Students and parents shall read this policy annually along with the Student-Parent Handbook before student use of the Internet at school is allowed. Parents may deny their child’s Internet access if they wish, and an alternative means of completing assignments will be provided. Parents agree to give the same guidance to Internet use at home as it pertains to school activities as well as their children’s use of personal electronic devices if brought to school for use. (Please see USE OF PERSONAL DEVICES section for more detail)

11. Staff shall sign and return a copy of this policy annually with their Staff Handbook. Teachers using Internet in their instruction shall recognize their responsibilities to educate minors on appropriate usage and online behavior. Teachers agree to monitor all Internet usage by students under their supervision.

Parent Signature: __________________________________________________________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________________________

Child Signature: __________________________________________________________

Child Signature: __________________________________________________________

Child Signature: __________________________________________________________

Child Signature: __________________________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________________________________