

# INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in St. Alphonsus School.

We are very pleased to bring Internet access to St. Alphonsus School and believe the Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
- 2) information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
- 3) public domain software and shareware of all types.
- 4) discussion groups on thousands of diverse topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics.
- 5) many university library catalogs, the Library of Congress, government documents, and thousands of databases.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the School.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a St. Alphonsus user violates any of these provisions, his or her future access could possibly be denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who sign has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

## INTERNET - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of using the Internet in our school is to support research and education by providing the access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Alphonsus School. Transmission of any material in violation of school policy or any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or materials protected by trade secrets.
- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student will be part of a discussion with a St. Alphonsus School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the Internet.) The administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and her decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff of St. Alphonsus School may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend a specific user.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
  - b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Foul language and inappropriate or illegal activities, sexually explicit materials, expressions of bigotry, racism, or hate are strictly forbidden.
  - c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
  - d) Note that electronic mail (email) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
  - e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
  - f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
  - g) Messages should not contain personal information that you would not want a stranger to have, such as your name, address, password, or phone number.
  - h) Respect appropriate laws and copyrights governing information on the Internet.

- 4) St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
  
- 5) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the administrator or your Computer Lab Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as anyone but yourself may result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.
  
- 6) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, attempts at gaining unauthorized access, or changing online materials without permission.

### SAINT ALPHONSUS INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violations, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

User's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

User's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognize it is impossible for St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network on school premises. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SPONSORING TEACHER - (Must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this Agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Lab Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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### SAINT ALPHONSUS INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

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, St. Alphonsus School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. My signature below and that of my parent(s) or guardian(s) mean that I agree to follow the guidelines of the Internet Use Agreement for Internet access at all Catholic schools.

User's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

User's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I hereby release St. Alphonsus 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 in addition to the restrictions set forth by this Internet Use Agreement. 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 Internet Use Agreement for St. Alphonsus School. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet and will not hold St. Alphonsus 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 or Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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