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TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (TAUP)

Please read this entire document carefully.

Saint Thomas More Collegiate provides authorized users access to computer systems and other technology resources, including Internet access, local network access, and audiovisual equipment. Our goal is to enhance' educational experiences by promoting innovation and educational excellence through the use of technology resources for research, worldwide resource sharing, and communication.

The Internet is a global network connecting computers all over the world. In addition, to the WWW (World Wide Web), internet access provides such services as access to e-mail, messaging, file downloads, library catalogues, and databases at universities, government agencies, and private industry.

With access to computers and people all over the world, also comes the availability of material that is not of educational value in the context of a school setting. The Internet contains material that is objectionable from any points of view. There is, however, a wealth of educational material available. It is impossible to control access to all materials that are objectionable or inappropriate, and a malicious user may, in some situations, gain access to sites that are prohibited. Although reasonable measures are taken to restrict access to inappropriate material through the school network, STMC cannot guarantee that users will be prevented from gaining access to such materials in all situations.

The efficient operation of school network relies upon proper conduct and adherence to guidelines by all users. In general, the guidelines require ethical, efficient, and legal use of technology resources.

If a user violates the terms and conditions of this *TAUP*, computing privileges may be terminated at the sole discretion of the school administration. Other disciplinary action and notification of appropriate law enforcement officials may result from violations of this *TAUP*.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Technology resource use must be consistent with the educational objectives of Saint Thomas More Collegiate:
 - Network accounts shall be used by only the authorized user of the account. No attempt to gain unauthorized access to other accounts on the network is permitted. No sharing of user names or passwords is allowed. Violation of this term may result in immediate administrative referral.
 - Attempts to obtain access to restricted sites, files, databases, etc. are prohibited. Unauthorized access to other systems (e.g. "cracking") is prohibited.

- Use of Internet games, proxy or firewall bypass sites, IRCs (Internet Relay Chats), ICQ, and other instant messaging or game services is not permitted.
 - Transmission, uploading, or downloading of any material in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening, obscene, or hateful material, or material protected by trade secrets.
 - Personal addresses, phone numbers, and financial information shall not be included in network communication.
 - Passwords must be kept private and should be changed immediately if discovered by others.
 - Network use for commercial purposes, financial gain, personal business, product advertisement, or political lobbying, including student body elections, is prohibited.
 - Vandalism is not permitted and will not be strictly disciplined. Vandalism is defined as willful damage to equipment or any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or of any agency or network. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses. It also includes attempts to gain unauthorized access to a network that is connected to the Internet.
2. Technology resource use is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in immediate loss of network privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to legal authorities. The system administrator will close an account when necessary. An administrator or faculty member may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access and/or user accounts.
 3. You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, following: Be polite; Do not be abusive in your messages to others; Use appropriate language; Do not swear; use vulgarities or any other language inappropriate in a school setting.
 4. Saint Thomas More Collegiate makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Saint Thomas More Collegiate will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Saint Thomas More Collegiate specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
 5. Security is a high priority on computer networks. If you identify a security problem, you must notify the system administrator immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users.
 6. Saint Thomas More Collegiate is not responsible for loss of or damage to any computer, audiovisual or other equipment brought to school. This includes any damage to software or hardware systems that may result from connection to, or attempted connection to school systems, either at the school or elsewhere. Nor is Saint Thomas More Collegiate responsible for any loss or damage to equipment that results from the effort or attempt of a staff or faculty member to assist a student in the use or repair of the equipment.
 7. Users assume full financial responsibility for any loss or damage occurring to school equipment as a result of the user's use or attempted use of that equipment.