Computer Use Policy

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic School has a stringent computer use policy which will be enforced at all times. We expect our students to:

1. Recognize that all computer users have the same right to use the equipment; therefore, do not use the computer resources for nonacademic activities when others require the system for academic purposes.

2. Recognize that the computers are for academic purposes and computer games will not be played unless student is given permission by a teacher.

3. Recognize that software is protected by copyright laws: therefore, do not make unauthorized copies of software found on school computers, either by copying them onto diskettes or onto other computers through electronic mail or bulletin boards; and do not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others unless the written permission of the copyright owner or the original software is obtained and is clearly identified as shareware or in the public domain.

4. Recognize also that work for all users is valuable; therefore, protect the privacy of others' areas by not trying to learn their passwords; do not copy, change, read, or use files in another user's area, without that user's prior permission; do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment.

5. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.

6. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.

7. No use of live chat unless by teacher approval.

8. Computer 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 and graphics. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.

   c. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers of students or teachers.

   d. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. The System Administrator has access to all files. 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.

9. Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy described above will be dealt with seriously.