Dear Parents,

Gehlen Catholic School strives to provide students with the opportunity to access a wide variety of resources within the school learning environment, expanding classroom teaching. With the use and access to Internet and other technology resources, we will educate students in the proper use of these technologies, teach safety precautions in the use of technology and strive to protect students from inappropriate materials found within these resources, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chatrooms, cyberbullying awareness and response.

While the benefits of the Internet and other technological resources are enormous, we must also be aware that the Internet is an open system which contains materials that would be considered of NO educational value in a school setting. Therefore, we do reserve the right to terminate a student’s privilege to use these resources if abused or used inaccurately. We will make every effort to prevent a student’s access to inappropriate materials, but we cannot totally guarantee that he/she will not encounter text or pictures that are objectionable. We ask your assistance in developing responsible attitudes, reinforcing appropriate behaviors and supporting the school staff.

This leaflet contains the policies and guidelines Gehlen Catholic has developed for the use of Internet and other technology resources. Please read the guidelines and discuss them with your child. By signing and returning the front portion of this leaflet, you indicate your permission to allow your child to use the Internet and other technology resources of the school within the guidelines established and to support school policies in the event that your child(ren) fail to comply with established rules and expectations.

Sincerely,
Lorie A. Nussbaum        Jeff Alesch
PreK-6 Principal        7-12 Principal

No Warranties

Gehlen Catholic School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for information or services provided through the school’s Internet server. Gehlen Catholic School will not be responsible for any damages. This could include the loss of data or an interruption in service.

Gehlen Catholic School strives to promote an openness to God, provide a quality education and instill Catholic values in a caring, challenging and prayerful environment.

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Technology Resources and Internet Responsible Use & Safety Policy for Students
(One form needs to be signed per family)

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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE AND INTERNET USE AGREEMENT
(one form signed per family)

For Students: I understand and will abide by this responsible use policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations will result in the loss of my technology resources and/or Internet privileges for a time period which may include the rest of my school years at Gehlen Catholic School.

1. _______________________________  2.  _______________________________
   Student’s Signature       Student’s Signature
   Student’s Grade           Student’s Grade

2. RESPONSIBLE USE
   The use of technology resources/Internet is a privilege, NOT a right. Any student using these resources must have a signed RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY on file in the library/media center prior to use. Any and all inappropriate use will result in immediate cancellation of privileges for a period of time which may extend to the limit of the rest of the user’s educational years at Gehlen Catholic. Any staff member has the right to revoke the privilege.

3. TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND THE INTERNET
   The school provides a firewall to prevent viewing and use of inappropriate sites.

4. EMAIL
   The use of email is a privilege, not a right. Students can access their school email as needed for class with teacher approval. Personal email may only be used before and after school hours in the library/media center.

5. NETIQUETTE
   Certain behaviors have gained acceptance in the use of technology resources/Internet. As a user joins the online community, he/she is expected to practice appropriate behaviors such as:
   
a. Avoid the use of sarcasm which may be misinterpreted.

   b. When quoting another, always list the source. Failure to do so is a violation of the copyright laws.

   c. Write only those messages which can be shared with the world...as the Internet makes that a reality. You are responsible for what you say and do.

6. VANDALISM
   Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data of another user. This includes, but is not limited to the erasing of data from the hard drive that belongs to another, changing connections to the server, destroying another user’s bookmarks, creating or downloading viruses, trash any program or part of a program that is not one’s own, tampering or altering programs or settings on the system including desktop icons. Vandalism of technology resources/data will result in the loss of Internet privileges and/or use of technology resources.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFO:
(If the user is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.)

I have read the responsible use policy. I understand that access to technology resources and the Internet at Gehlen Catholic are for educational purposes. I understand that Gehlen Catholic School has the right to limit access. I will not hold the school responsible for the materials my child may access from the Internet. Furthermore, I understand the pitfalls of technology resources and the Internet. I will support Gehlen Catholic School in all decisions regarding the use of these resources.

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Parent Name, please print

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Parent Signature and Date

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND INTERNET USE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The purposes of providing technology resources and the Internet are to advance and promote education at Gehlen Catholic School. It is intended to assist in the collaboration and exchange of information among all who are concerned with education. Use of technology resources and the Internet are privileges provided to those students who have agreed to the terms of its proper use and abide by the regulations established for its appropriate educational use.