



## **St. Catherine of Siena School Parent Social Media Code of Conduct**

Social media has profoundly impacted our school's communication and community. It has allowed us to share information, foster connections, and enhance community engagement. However, despite its many benefits, social media has many risks, especially regarding the spread of misinformation among students and/or parents. As a school committed to nurturing a supportive and inclusive environment, we recognize the dual nature of social media's impact. We understand that it has the potential to unite and divide. Therefore, in our collective pursuit of fostering responsible digital citizenship and safeguarding the integrity of our community, we have created this agreement as a framework for constructive engagement and respectful communication.

As a parent / guardian / community member:

### **1. Responsible Social Media Usage**

- I acknowledge the power of social media as a tool for communication and community building.
- I agree to use it responsibly, exercising discretion in all online interactions related to school including my posts to official school pages as well as my own individual social media page sharing when discussing anything related to St. Catherine of Siena School.
- I agree to monitor my child's online activity, which includes the use of social media, to ensure that it adheres to the principles of the SCSS Code of Conduct.

### **2. Accuracy and Integrity**

- I pledge to uphold the highest standards of integrity and accuracy when sharing information about the school on social media platforms.
- I will ensure that the information shared is factual and free from misrepresentation and speculation.

### **3. Respectful Conduct**

- I commit to engaging respectfully and constructively in the use of language on social media, refraining from disseminating false information, offensive or inappropriate comments, malicious gossip, or inflammatory remarks that may

undermine the school's integrity or harm any of the school community's members.

- I agree not to use social media to voice complaints against the school, staff, parents, or children.
- I agree to have direct communication with teachers and school personnel, refraining from public discourse or social media postings that may exacerbate tensions or cause conflicts within the community.

**4. Confidentiality and Privacy**

- I understand the importance of safeguarding the confidentiality and privacy of sensitive information pertaining to the school, its students, faculty and staff.
- I agree to address any concern or grievances related to the school, staff, parents or students through appropriate channels.

**5. Consequences of Violation**

- I understand that violations of this agreement may result in disciplinary action which may include but are not limited to: (i) the requirement to remove the inappropriate content from social media, (ii) restrictions on participation in school events for both parents and students, (iii) suspensions or termination of privileges to post on school social media, (iv) withdrawal from the school.

I understand and agree that I will follow the rules of this Social Media Code of Conduct.

Parent name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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

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Student Name

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_