



St. John's

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Technology Update

STJES expects all of its community members to model good digital citizenship. We have developed a layered approach to support students in how to engage responsibly in online activities; this approach will be updated and communicated to students and families to reflect the evolving technology landscape. Our approach includes:

- **Educating students in Media/Technology about good digital citizenship using curriculum from Common Sense Media:**
<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship/curriculum?grades=6%2C7%2C8>
 - *To support student understanding and accountability, students will be asked to sign the STJES Social Media Contract, a supplement to STJES Technology Device User Agreement for K-8.*
- *Discussions within Advisory and Homeroom about living the St. John's values of truth, honor, and faith.*
- *Discussions with Mother Shivaun encompassing responsible communication.*
- *Researching and sharing best practices with families on how to effectively and safely use technology at home. For more information on parental controls, please see:*
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-parental-controls>

In support of our approach, families play an essential, collaborative role. ***We ask that you check in with your child and keep an eye on what they are communicating.*** We do not monitor student social media, but we encourage parents to be aware and involved.

We have outlined guidelines, expectations, and consequences in the ***STJES Family Handbook:***

- ***Family responsibility (p. 19)***
- ***Technology Acceptable Use Policy (pp. 16-19)***
- ***Student and Community Expectations and Consequences (pp. 26-28)***
- ***Harassment and Consequences (p. 29)***

As outlined, STJES has a right to investigate students' social media sites in the event of allegations of inappropriate online conduct. Students may be held accountable for violations that occur outside the classroom.

We are in this together to teach our students and community how to navigate the online world safely and respectfully. We can only do this in partnership with you. It truly does take a village.