

# **St. Mary's Dominican High School**

## **Walkin' on Walmsley 2023**

### **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**

**Mission Statement:** St. Mary's Dominican High School, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is a Catholic college preparatory program for young women rooted in the tradition of prayer, study, community, and service. With Jesus at the center, the Dominican community preaches the Word, radiates joy, advocates peace, promotes justice, seeks Truth, manifests Catholic values, and ministers to others.

#### **Computer and Cellular Access:**

Computing, data storage, information retrieval systems and communication tools are designed to serve the students, parents, faculty and staff of the St. Mary's Dominican High School Community. All technology resources including, but not limited to, network access, internet access, voicemail, e-mail, academic software and research data bases are provided to further the legitimate educational goals of the school. In keeping with its philosophy and goals, St. Mary's Dominican High School also provides computing and network hardware resources for the use of students, employees and others affiliated with the school.

Incoming students with **cellular devices** with 3G or 4G capability may use their devices, in specified areas, before or after the day's events to contact parents during Walkin' On Walmsley (WOW). During the day's events incoming students may use their device for photos, in specified areas, with the permission of the staff on duty. At all other times during the program the device is to be turned off and stored in the student's bookbag or purse.

St. Mary's Dominican High School has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to materials which are inappropriate to our school setting. However, these precautions do not in any way diminish each user's responsibility to act ethically, legally, and morally in a manner fully consistent with the philosophy and values of St. Mary's Dominican High School when using electronic resources.

Furthermore, it is expected that all use of technology, including social media, at school and at home and whether using DHS provided resources or personal resources, is to be consistent with the Mission of St. Mary's Dominican High School and the rules and principles outlined in this acceptable use policy.

#### **Acceptable Use Guidelines:**

These guidelines are provided to ensure efficient, moral, ethical, legal, and proper utilization of electronic resources in accordance with the Mission and educational goals of St. Mary's Dominican High School. Violators may be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action including but not limited to confiscation of a personal phone and/or computing device until after WOW program hours and/or barring the student from further use of any personal cellular device at St. Mary's Dominican High School, penalties, suspension and/or dismissal from the program.

1. All use of electronic resources, either hosted on a campus server, cloud servers, or accessed via the world wide web, must be in support of education and research consistent with the

Mission of St. Mary's Dominican High School. Any student using a personal cellular and/or computing device on campus consents to any review of programs, applications (apps), photos, or materials on such device, in accord with applicable law, by any St. Mary's Dominican High School program director or teacher.

2. Any inappropriate use of a cellular or computing device will result in disciplinary action including possible confiscation of a student's personal computing or cellular device until after program hours and/or barring the student from further use of any personal computing or cellular device at St. Mary's Dominican High School, and other disciplinary action. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to inappropriate photos, threatening, racist, or obscene material, or inappropriate text posted to social media or sent via digital device. Should a student have knowledge of inappropriate photos, text, or material, posted or sent, she should report this to the attending teacher or supervisor.
3. Users shall fully comply with all licensing and copyright laws regarding software, technology and printed materials.
4. Teachers will make discretionary decisions that may impact tablets, laptops, iPads, computers, written documents, calculators, personal notes, audio and video files, and electronic data of students in the interest of viable learning environment for legitimate pedagogical purposes.
5. Nothing in this policy is intended to preclude the supervised use of the digital or system resources while under the direction of a teacher or other approved user acting in conformity with St. Mary's Dominican High School's mission, philosophy, policies or procedures.

In accord with applicable law, St. Mary's Dominican High School reserves the right to monitor, review, confiscate and/or delete all material accessed, created, or transmitted on the network, any tablet, PC, laptop, CD, DVD, iPads, iPods, USB drive or any other handheld technology including, but not limited to, cell phones and calculators owned either by the school or student. The school reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether specific uses of technology are appropriate and in conformity with the mission of St. Mary's Dominican High School and the rules and principles outlined in this Acceptable Use Policy. Violation of any part of this policy is cause for disciplinary and/or legal action such as, but not limited to, confiscation of a student's device until after program hours and/or barring the student from further use of any personal cellular or computing device at St. Mary's Dominican High School, revocation of user privileges, suspension or expulsion and restitution of any monetary expenses incurred either through damage of software or hardware, or through legal or other fees. Decisions by the Principal on disciplinary action in these matters are **final**.

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## **Agreement for the Use of Cellular or Computing Device**

### **PARENT/STUDENT CONSENT FORM**

St. Mary's Dominican High School has chosen to permit students access to digital and telecommunication resources using a personal cellular or computing device to further Walkin' On Walmsley's goals and objectives. Reasonable care has been taken to assure the appropriateness and educational quality of the material available through the use of the Dominican virtual desktop and network, educational software and telecommunications. All use of technology is to be in accordance with the Mission and Philosophy of St. Mary's Dominican High School. However, parents and guardians are warned that St. Mary's Dominican High School does not have total control of the information on the Internet. Parents or guardians are the primary authorities responsible for imparting the standards of ethical and legal conduct that their child or ward should follow.

1. I/We am/are the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the below-named student. I/We have read the **Acceptable Use Policy** for Walkin' On Walmsley ("AUP"), and I/we have either explained it to my/our child/student or I/we have assured myself/ourselves that my/our child/ student understands it.
2. I/We request that my/our daughter have be allowed to use her cellular device during the Walkin' on Walmsley program at St. Mary's Dominican High School, during specified times at specific locations. I/We also hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless St. Mary's Dominican High School from any claim or loss resulting from an infraction of the AUP by the student or resulting from a violation of any applicable law by the student.
3. ☐ By checking this box, I/we give permission for my/our daughter's photo to be used by St. Mary's Dominican High School to promote/advertise the Walkin' on Walmsley program.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

### **STUDENT FORM**

3. I have received, read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I also understand its significance, and I agree to abide by all terms and conditions. I further understand that violation of this agreement would be unethical and might constitute a criminal offense and/or disciplinary offense as a student at St. Mary's Dominican High School. Should I choose to violate this agreement, my privileges may be revoked, my device confiscated in accord with this policy and disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken against me.

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Student Signature

Date

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Name of Student (Please Print)

Grade Level