# SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# **SOCIAL MEDIA TERMS OF USE**

We look forward to engaging with our students, staff and families on social media. We also have expectations about what that engagement should look like.

### **Our Policy**

Please become familiar with our <u>Acceptable Use of ICT policy</u> before engaging on our social media accounts.

### **Monitoring**

Our social media accounts will be monitored Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Messages or questions posted outside these hours will be addressed the next school day.

## **Expected Behaviour**

We also have guidelines for <u>Safe and Respectful Interactions</u> in our school and board office environments. These guidelines extend to on-line interactions. We are asking you to:

- Be respectful
- Be non-judgmental
- Listen attentively
- Respect privacy and confidentiality
- Be empathetic and compassionate

#### Not Allowed

We will immediately remove posts that are:

- Obscene, racial or disrespectful
- Abusive or hateful
- Defamatory towards a person or organization
- Spam or advertising
- Advocating for illegal activity
- Copyright or trademark infringements
- Promoting a particular service, product or political organization
- Violations of our policies and procedures
- Not in alignment with our Catholic values and expectations

# **Important Notes**

- We are not responsible for the opinions or comments posted by others on our social media accounts.
- All students who have an image on social media must agree by signing our SMCDSB Photo and Video Consent Form.
- Participating on our social media accounts is at your own risk. You must take responsibility for your own posts.