**Informed Consent**

In an effort to bring our students together and connect with each other to create a sense of community, we will be using the learning management system (LMS) Canvas by Instructure. Canvas has made an explicit commitment to their user’s privacy; they conduct regular internal audits and even contract independent security specialists to perform and publish a public security audit. Canvas allows your child to connect with other students in a password protected, “invite-only” area where the teacher has full moderation abilities and can check on everything that is happening.

You child will be using Canvas to:

* access assignments
* upload completed assignments
* have discussions in the forum
* complete tests
* ask questions / email their teacher
* use external tools and websites when necessary to gain more understanding

Canvas will be used for some or all courses that your child is enrolled in this year and it is expected that s/he use it properly following the guidelines below.

1.      Keep your real name, address, or email / phone number private. Basically, anything that can identify you (or anyone else) and where to find you (or them) should be kept private as those who need to know the information (the teacher and peers in your class) will already know it.

2.      Everything that is posted online has a ‘digital footprint’ this means, once something is posted online, it is online for good. Put thought into what you are posting and make sure it is acceptable.

3.      At all times treat other people with respect and dignity. We are an inclusive class. If something a classmate posts, causes you concern, contact the teacher immediately but do not post a negative comment back to them.

4.      You must have permission to post any videos or pictures that you have taken which contain other people (or yourself). You must obtain the consent of the other person (who is shown in the picture or video) and a parent’s consent if the person is 13 years of age or younger.

5.      Do not give your password to anyone. If you give out your password, things may be posted on your behalf that you do not approve of.

6.      If you believe your account has been compromised or hacked,  report this immediately to your parent and the teacher.

Please keep page one for future reference and complete page 2 to be returned to me for my records. Thank you.

**Teacher Name**

**Contact Information**

Please choose one of the following, (Note: if you feel that you do not have enough information to make an informed decision, please contact me to discuss further):

[  ] My child and I agree to the rules for using Canvas and my child will be making his or her own account. My child’s preferred email to use is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[  ] My child and I agree to the rules for using Canvas but I do not feel comfortable having my child using his or her own account, I prefer my child to use my email to register for an account. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[  ] I do not agree to the use of Canvas and I am aware it may result in a course withdrawal.

We understand the privacy risks and management strategies as they have been shared with us.

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Parent/Guardian  Signature                                                                 Date

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Student Signature                                                                                    Date

Received by teacher on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_