

Web Etiquette/Contract

In this class we will be using the internet a lot and there are a few things that you need to be aware of and commit to. By signing the bottom of this sheet, you stating that you are aware of the expectation to commit to these standards and will commit to them.

General Web Conduct

1. What you write on the web is just like writing it on paper – it never really goes away! Be careful to make sure that what you write is something that you would be ok with the world seeing.
2. Use proper grammar and spelling. Text-type is NOT ok – if you use texting acronyms or abbreviations like “u” to mean “you” I will not give you credit for the post.
3. BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL!!! Our website and blog is simply a forum for discussion outside of the classroom – I expect you to show each other the same respect and consideration that you would need to show in class.
 - a. No swearing
 - b. No insults
 - c. No abusive language
4. **Legal issue:** Because this is a school website, you **cannot** post your full name (first and last) to anything posted on this site! Whenever you post something to a public forum only use your first name and last initial.
 - a. When addressing another student, make sure that you do **not** use their full name either.
5. General comments and questions for the good of the class should be posted to the blog or wallwisher. Any personal specific questions that you have should be emailed to me at mdsouza@sd36.bc.ca
6. Citations are still incredibly important – make sure you are not plagiarizing.

Commenting Tips

1. Read the ENTIRE post prior to commenting
2. Posts/ comments should enhance the understanding of others, bring up new ideas or answer questions
 - a. You will not receive credit for posts that simply state "I agree," "I disagree," "That's cool!" or a statement as such. Tell my why!! Enhance the current conversation.
3. Comments should be **at least** two sentences long.

Sign and return the bottom of this sheet to Ms. D'souza by Friday, February 4th, 2011.

I understand and will abide by the expectations set forth on web-use. If I do not comply with these expectations, I understand that there will be consequences.

Student's Name (print)

Student's Name (sign)

Parent's Name (sign)

Date