



St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church and School

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September 2018-19

Dear 7th Grade Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming you and your 7th grader to the 1:1 program at St. Christopher School! In our school, we have seen that this initiative has tremendous potential to take advantage of the fact that the entire body of human knowledge can now be available at your child's fingertips. In addition, this program provides students with a wide range of tools that enable them to effectively communicate their thoughts and learnings through a various range of professional looking products that are representative of the type of work they will be expected to produce in this digital age, and high school. As we come out of our experiences with an 8th grade iPad pilot (2016-2017) and full iPad implementation during 2017-18, we continue to receive feedback that this program has the capacity to significantly increase student innovation, motivation, collaboration, and organization. During the first full year of implementation, we learned a great deal about how to better support students in developing the strong digital citizenship skills that are needed to maximize the value of a personal electronic device in an educational environment.

As a whole, we have set up and will implement many workshops to help prepare the 7th graders with their new iPad management. Each 7th grader will be assigned an iPad and trained on:

- School student Gmail email usage and etiquette
- Learning Management System: Google Classroom
- Google Education: G Suite
- File and air printing management.
- Digital, internet and social networking responsibility
- iPad management and responsibility
- Connect Ed, HMH collections: textbook eReader app
- And so much more

In addition to iPad workshops, our students will also be made aware of a few new procedures put in place to protect iPads and iPad usage.

- If storing water bottles, students will be asked to leave them in their homerooms (designated areas), rather than in their lockers to ensure no iPad-water accidents.
- iPads are expected to be accounted for, and charged each morning. Charging stations are available in Homerooms and the Media Center for emergencies only.
- When students are emailing, etiquette (netiquette) will always be expected! It is so important for our students to understand how to professionally communicate digitally. This part of our students' ELA and Media grade.

When your child has completed all the workshops it will be time for your child to enjoy all the benefits of taking their iPad home and understanding the responsibility they have accepted. As a team, we will continue to educate and provide learning workshops throughout their years here at St. Christopher School. We will provide you with a specific date your child will be allowed to take their iPad home within the next few weeks.

Lastly, we encourage all students to ask questions, ask for help and feel comfortable with making mistakes because this is a new learning experience. Let us keep the dialogue open and remember communication is key.

Sincerely,

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