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ONE TO ONE INITIATIVE FOR GRADE 4, 5 and 6 STUDENTS

Google at St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary

Over the last few years, St. Patrick Fine Arts staff have been embracing the learning and creation possibilities that Google Suite has afforded our students. For 2023-2024, to continue in this direction, we are inviting students in grades 4, 5 and 6 to bring their own devices. This option will allow for more exploring, creating and sharing learning. This is totally optional, but may be a good fit for you.

Acceptable Devices

Although many students have access to iPads, Phones and Android phones, those do not meet the necessary requirements as acceptable learning devices. We also recognize that not all parents will send their child to school with a device. Teachers will continue to plan assuming that not every student will bring a personally owned device to school, but we are still moving toward having less of an ecological footprint (i.e. less paper usage). As it is now, school-owned devices will be available for students to use while at school when needed.



One to One Benefits

Education today requires students to have a readiness to thrive in a complex, global, and tech-rich society. The introduction of a one to one program in other schools has shown student growth in a number of areas including technology literacy, independent learning, greater collaboration and engagement in deeper learning. Most recently, with the necessity for online learning, our students grew their skills even faster. With the introduction of a one to one Chromebook program, students will have more opportunities to take part in critical thinking activities, communication and ethical use activities.

In order to proceed with a one to one initiative in the most effective way, students need to have the technology 'in hand' in their classrooms. Therefore, we are inviting grade 4, 5 and 6 parents at St. Patrick Fine Arts to consider purchasing an acceptable device for their child for the 2022/23 school year. We are confident that this route will increase our students' access to technology for rich learning. ***This is totally optional. You know your child best, and if he or she is not ready for this responsibility, there is no rush.***

Why One to One at this age?

Personalized learning experiences are important to us, and with ongoing access to a robust device, students are empowered to communicate with peers and experts, work collaboratively, research and use data to solve complex problems, and create freely, using a wide range of available resources. During our school closure in March-June of