
IPAD Usage in Grades 6, 7,8

Dear 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Parents,

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be using IPADS in the classroom. This will be a great enhancement in their learning process. After using them in the 8th Grade last year we found a huge improvement in the enthusiasm for learning along with better organizational skills, etc.

Grades 7 and 8 will be supplied school-owned IPADS and be responsible for a \$50 user fee to cover insurance.

Beginning with Grade 6 we will start a "lease-to-own" program in which you may either lease a device for three years or buy outright. The attached letter explains the 6th Grade option.

THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MANDATORY MEETING REGARDING IPAD USAGE POLICIES FOR ALL PARENTS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18 AT THE PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT. (7:00 - 8:00)

All parents must sign the usage policy agreement in order for your child to use an IPAD here at school. If you cannot attend the August 18 Orientation Meeting, you will need to set up an appointment to review the usage policy regarding IPADS in the classroom.

We look forward to an exciting year with IPADS in the classrooms for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Please let me know if you have any questions. (I am sure most questions will be answered at our August meeting.)

6th Grade parents please read attached letter about leasing/buying options for the IPAD.

Thank you,
Miss Hatch

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Beginning in August we are planning on starting the 6th Grade class using I-pads in the classroom. We are trying to order as many textbooks as possible for the I-Pad. We feel this will be a great advantage for our students because of better organizational skills, better collaboration among students and teachers, and the enhancement of learning through this great technology.

Because of the big expense, we cannot afford to keep asking PTO for funds to buy I-Pads each year. We are going to start a new policy where 6th Grade parents may lease an I-Pad each year, (and also 5th Grade parents beginning in 2015) and then keep the I-pad at the end of the three years.

7th and 8th grades this year will use the school purchased I-pads which will then be placed into the primary classrooms after this year. (They will be charged a user fee, only.)

You will still be required to pay the normal book fees which cover the yearly costs of the e-books, apps, transportation fees, etc.

Blessed Sacrament will own the I-pad until it is paid. Parents may set-up a leasing agreement with us to pay it off monthly or yearly.

YEARLY COST: \$210

MONTHLY COST: \$21 (10 MONTH PERIOD)

The total cost for three years is \$630 which includes the I-pad and insurance. Leased I-pads will not be sent home during summer months until completely paid.

NOTE:

If a child already owns an I-pad (meeting our specifications) they may bring that I-pad for use in school. However, here are the stipulations:

*We will put a profile on the I-pad so it matches our school I-Pads (i.e. – disabling camera, disabling App Store) This profile will be on the I-pad for the entire school year. Anything on the I-pad loaded previously will be removed when we load the school profile on the I-pad. *This needs to be the child's I-pad day and night throughout the school year. (During the summer we will remove the school profile for those who bring their own.)*

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IPADS ARE LISTED ON FOLLOWING PAGE.....

I-PAD SPECIFICATIONS: (We will have IPAD AIR devices here at Blessed Sacrament.)

If you have your own you must have the following specs:

NO 3-G ALLOWED ON ANY IPAD!!!! (WIFI ONLY)

FULL SIZE I-PADS ONLY (NO MINI)

*Ipad Air (with A7 chip with 64-bit architecture and M& motion coprocessor) – 16GB

OR

*Ipad with retina display (dual-core A6X chip with quad-core graphics – 16 GB

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call or email us at school. We are looking forward to a great school year for our students with enhanced technology and learning!

Please return the bottom form or email us with the information by JUNE 25.

Thank you,

Miss Hatch (Principal)

Mrs. Long (Network Administrator)

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_____ We will be leasing an IPAD from the school next year for our 6th Grade child.

_____ We will provide our own IPAD for our child next year for our 6th Grade child.

_____ PARENT SIGNATURE