



# Sacred Heart School Optional 5th Grade Bring Your Own Device Program 2020-2021 School Year

Dear Future 5th Grade Families,

We are excited to be entering our second year of the Optional 5th Grade Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program. We have seen that allowing our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in this typically Middle School program accomplishes a variety of things:

- Greater flexibility and authenticity of classroom technology use
- Continuity in device use between home and school
- Ability to troubleshoot and problem solve with support of classroom aide in addition to primary teacher
- Easier transition into Middle School (fewer new things)
- Equivalence to other private schools in the area
- Increased sense of responsibility among 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Anticipated Participation**

*After reviewing the below information, please let us know [here](#) whether you plan to participate in the Optional 5th Grade BYOD Program for the 2020-2021 school year. We ask that all incoming 5th grade families complete this survey.*

All students who do not participate in the Optional 5th Grade BYOD Program will have access to a classroom device that will remain at school.

**Device Requirements**

If your family chooses to participate, we ask that all BYOD devices meet the following device requirements. This will allow our teachers to provide clear and consistent instruction during this important foundational year.

*Required Device from Surface Family*

Surface Go	Surface Pro	Surface Book
Most affordable Most Lightweight 10-inch screen	Faster Better battery life 12-inch screen	Includes keyboard Heaviest device Largest device

*Note: All SHS teachers & staff used Surface Pro devices. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade use Surface Pro & Surface Go devices.*

### *Minimum Requirements*

- 4 gig memory
- 64 gig hard drive
- Type cover (keyboard)
- Windows 10
- Digital Pen

### *Recommended Requirements*

- 8 gig
- 128 gig hard drive (Gives greater longevity for 3-4 years, will allow device to evolve and change for updates and changes in 4 years)
- Surface Pen
- Microsoft 2-year Accidental Damage Warranty
- Sturdy Surface Cover with pen holder
- Case with room for power supply & with handle for easy carrying

### **Other Important Information**

- Acceptable Use Policy (BYOD Agreement)- All students who participate in this program will receive and agree to the same rules and expectations as 6th-8th graders as stated in the Sacred Heart School Acceptable Use Policy (BYOD Agreement & Network Guidelines)
- Device Storage- With a primary goal to prepare students for Middle School, device storage in 5th grade will mirror that of the 6th-8th graders. Students should bring devices home and to school each day. During the school day, devices will be stored in classroom cubbies when not in use. For this reason, we highly recommend:
  - A sturdy cover that snaps onto device (even when in use)
  - A case (soft cover for carrying)
  - A backpack with a laptop sleeve (for additional protection while moving)
  - Back to School Information Session- To support an organized and clear onboarding process for 5th grade participants, a parent information session will occur at the start of the school year to address home and school responsibilities. 5th grade students should not bring their BYOD device to school until *after* this meeting has occurred. More details to come.