



Sacred Heart School Bring Your Own Device Program 2021-2022 School Year

Dear Future 5th Grade Families,

We are excited to include all 5th grade students in the Bring Your Own Device Program for the 2021-2022 school year. We piloted an optional 5th Grade Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program starting in 2018, and we have seen that allowing our 5th graders to participate in this program accomplishes the following:

- 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 5th grade students

Device Requirements

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 1st-5th grade use school Surface Pro & Surface Go devices.

Minimum Requirements

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

Recommended Requirements

- 8 gig memory
- 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)
- Hard case with pen holder (Teachers and staff use cases from [Kensington](#))
- Surface Pen
- Microsoft 2-year Accidental Damage Warranty
- Soft 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 rules and expectations as stated in the Sacred Heart School Acceptable Use Policy ([BYOD Agreement & Network Guidelines](#))
- Device Storage
 - With our primary goal to prepare students for Middle School in mind, 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 request:
 - A sturdy cover that snaps onto device (remains on when the device is in use)
 - A soft cover case for carrying and extra protections
- 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 at the start of the school year.