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1-TO-1 TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Dear PoP Parents,

Parent letters starting with the 2023-2024 header can be nerve-wracking at times as it means that next school year is starting to lurk around the corner. However, some letters from school can hold some more exciting information than others. I hope that this letter is one of excitement not only for the students affected by it but also for the positive direction in which our school is moving as a result.

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In place of shared devices that haven't kept up with our enrollment, the School Board decided to improve upon our 5th-8th grade curriculum by implementing a 1-to-1 technology system using iPads. The proposal was approved as part of our ongoing commitment to offer a high-quality Christian education to our students.

This means that each incoming 5th grader will have their own personal iPad! These devices will be the students personal, permanent property. The iPads will be given out on Back-to-School Night. We also will be providing you with a suggested list of keyboard cases that you can purchase to help protect the device from any damage. Mr. Lange, Mrs. Paulsen, and I are excited to utilize these great assets in our classrooms regularly!

One concern you may have of that much technology at a child's fingertips is, will they be responsible and stay on task? We will be utilizing the Apple Classroom app that allows us to view what the students are working on while they are in the school building as well as quickly share resources and assignments with them to allow for instant feedback and collaboration. This app will help us control any distractions that may occur during the school day. As for at home, that will be up to you as parents to decide what is best for your child. We will be more than willing to sit down and discuss possible solutions if a student is struggling to stay on task while using their device at home.

Finally, there will be a one-time fee of \$300 for students to own their iPad. This payment can be made upfront at Back-to-School Night or can be added to your FACTS monthly tuition payments for the 2023-24 school year. This is noted in your tuition worksheet.

Blessings on the remainder of this school year and I look forward to partnering with your family in your child's Christian education for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond!

In Christ,

Michael E. Paulsen, Principal