



St. Patrick School is devoted to giving our students and teachers the tools they need to succeed in an ever changing digital world. We have a one-to-one Chromebook environment for our middle school (Jr. High) students and will continue our shared access program for students in grades 2-5. Students in Kindergarten and first grade will have access to iPads. Our goal is to provide a blended learning environment that combines traditional strategies with the use of digital tools.

Frequently Asked Questions about a Chromebook Environment:

What is the cost to students/parents?

The Chromebook, Google license, Lockdown software and insurance for 3 years will cost a total of \$450 per device. Parents of middle school students will lease a Chromebook per student from St. Patrick School at \$150 per device per year. Parents of students in grades K- 5 will have a device technology fee of \$85 per year.

Will this decrease textbooks/materials costs?

The availability of textbooks in electronic format may bring costs down slightly. However, St. Patrick School cannot guarantee cost savings.

What is the difference between leasing a Chromebook from the school and purchasing my own device or using one I already own?

St. Patrick School must own the Chromebooks to control what a student can and cannot do with their Chromebook. These devices are meant for educational purposes only. **Any non-educational/personal use of these devices at home is strongly discouraged.**

Will my student be able to take his or her Chromebook home?

All students in 6, 7, and 8th grade will lease a Chromebook and it will be theirs for the year. They may use it both at school and at home. Students in grades 2-5 will not be leasing their Chromebooks. Their devices will be used in school only.

Is a case required?

Yes. All Jr. High students need a case for their Chromebook. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, all incoming 6th grade students and new students to grades 7 & 8 will need to purchase cases from St. Patrick School. These cases will be paid for in August and distributed during the first week of school. **If you have an incoming 8th grader this year**, you do not have to purchase a new case from the school, neoprene cases are still acceptable. However, PLASTIC CASES ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED.

What happens if the Chromebook is damaged or stolen?

Each Chromebook has a **1 year manufacturer warranty**. Included in the annual leasing cost is insurance on each Chromebook through Worth Ave. Group. **The insurance plan will cover accidental damage (drops/cracked screens/liquid spills), liquid submersion, theft, fire/flood damage, vandalism, natural disasters, and power surge due to lightning.** A Chromebook loaner will be provided for the student while his or her Chromebook is sent out for repair. **The student is responsible for any damage to or loss of the loaned device.** This device may be taken home. Habitual use of the loaner system is not acceptable and will not be allowed.

What happens if the Chromebook is misused and needs repair not covered under the insurance?

The student and his or her parents/guardians will be responsible for any charges incurred from misuse of the Chromebook and not covered under the Chromebook insurance.

What happens if the Chromebook is lost?

The student and his or her parents/guardians will be responsible for the balance of the lost Chromebook and then must purchase a replacement for the lost Chromebook.

Will students keep their Chromebooks over the summer?

No. Students will turn in their Chromebooks in June and they will be reassigned to them the following August.

What will happen to the Chromebooks after students graduate?

The Chromebooks are the property of St. Patrick School and will be recycled to other students at St. Patrick School.

Charging and battery life?

Unless otherwise instructed, the Chromebooks are intended for use at school each day. Students are responsible for bringing their fully charged Chromebook to school every day. A fully charge Chromebook should last at least 8 hours.

Will students be able to print?

Students will be encouraged to digitally publish and share their work with their teachers and peers when appropriate. Jr. High students may set up Google Cloud Print to print from their Chromebooks at home. Information about Google Cloud Print can be found here:

<http://www.google.com/cloudprint/learn>

Can the wireless network in the school manage the load?

Yes. We have worked over the summer to upgrade our Internet access points in each classroom that will be using Chromebooks this year.

How does the school plan to limit the use of the Chromebook to keep students focused on school?

Google provides a lockdown component that is part of their licensing per device. This allows the school to determine access to only the sites that will be used for educational purposes. Also included in each device's annual leasing cost is a subscription to *Securly*. *GoGuardian*, an additional monitoring software, has been added for the 2018-19 school year. *Securly* and *Go Guardian* allow teachers to see exactly what a student is doing on their Chromebook at any time. This gives St. Patrick School the added benefit of securing our students online activities and safety. Both security features will work at school and at home.

How then will students be able to research if the lockdown software is in place?

Part of our one-to-one initiative is to teach our students good digital citizenship. As we move into phase II and III of our initiative, we will determine how much responsibility students will be able to handle. St. Patrick School has a firewall for Internet safety on all school computer devices so at school we **MAY** offer more independent research if administration and staff believe students are prepared to do so.

When will Chromebooks be distributed?

Chromebooks will be distributed to our Jr. High students during the first week of school. The leasing fee must be paid, and both the Chromebook Policy Agreement and the Acceptable Use Policy must be signed and turned in before a student receives their Chromebook.