



St. Patrick School is devoted to giving our students and teachers the tools they need to succeed in an ever changing digital world. We are a one-to-one Chromebook environment for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, and we have been a Google school since 2016. 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?***

For the 2023-24 school year our students in grades K-2 will have Touchscreen Chromebooks. Students in grades 3-8 will receive non-touchscreen Chromebooks. All SPS Chromebooks are fully insured for both mechanical and accidental damage. Parents of students in grades K-8 will lease a Chromebook from St. Patrick School at \$175.00 per device, per student, 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 use of a school owned device for personal use is against the St. Patrick School Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

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

All students will be able to take their Chromebooks home. They may use it both at school and at home for educational purposes only.

#### ***Is a case required?***

Yes. All students need a case for their Chromebook. Students in Grades K-8 will receive a school-owned Chromebook case for their device.

#### ***Are the Chromebooks covered by insurance?***

Included in the annual leasing cost is insurance on each Chromebook through Archangel Tablets. ***The insurance plan will cover accidental damage (drops/cracked screens/liquid spills), liquid submersion, theft, fire/flood damage, natural disasters, and power surge due to lightning as well as any mechanical failure that may occur.*** A Chromebook loaner will be provided for the student while his or her Chromebook is sent out for repair. ***The student/parent/guardian is responsible for any damage to or loss of the loaned device.***

#### ***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 the misuse of a Chromebook (termed vandalism). The cost will be dependent on the quote/invoice from our repair facility. If a device cannot be repaired, the student and his or her parent/guardian is responsible for the

balance of the damaged Chromebook originally assigned to the student, as well as the full replacement cost of the new Chromebook.

Replacement Costs:

K-2 Touchscreen Chromebooks: \$350.00

Grades 3-8 Non-Touchscreen Chromebooks: \$250.00

***What happens if the Chromebook or power cord is lost or stolen?***

***Chromebook:***

The student and his or her parents/guardians will be responsible for the balance of the lost Chromebook and the full replacement cost of the new Chromebook.

Replacement Costs:

K-2 Touchscreen Chromebooks: \$350.00

Grades 3-8 Non-Touchscreen Chromebooks: \$250.00

***Power cord:***

The student and/or his or her parents are responsible for the replacement of any power cord that is lost, stolen or damaged. (i.e Eaten by the cat or dog, stepped on, or bent due to handling) The parent may replace the cord on their own, or one may be purchased from St. Patrick school for \$20.00, which will be charged to your fax account. If a cord simply doesn't work anymore a replacement cord will be issued to the student upon the return of the cord that no longer works. If no cord is returned, then it will be considered a lost cord, and the replacement fee will be the responsibility of the parent.

***Will students keep their Chromebooks over the summer?***

No. Students will turn in their Chromebooks in June and they will be reassigned back 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 charged Chromebook should last approximately 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. Families 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> Please note that students cannot print from their Chromebooks while at school.

***Can the wireless network in the school manage the load?***

Yes. We continue to monitor our network and make upgrades whenever necessary.

***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. Also included in each device's annual leasing fee is a subscription to *GoGuardian* (K-8). This is an additional monitoring platform for each student. This platform allows the school to view all student search history, block

non-educational websites, and filter for inappropriate and/or concerning searches (such as self-harm). 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?***

Most St. Patrick School student research is done adequately through the current firewalls and monitoring platforms. St Patrick School **MAY** offer more independent research if administration and staff believe students are prepared to do so.

***When will Chromebooks be distributed?***

The leasing fee must be paid, and the Acceptable Use Policy must be signed and submitted before a student receives their Chromebook. All Chromebooks will be handed out to students during the first 2 weeks of school.

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