



# St. Joseph School

## BYOD Information

### Philosophy:

St. Joseph is committed to providing students with a dynamic academic experience. In today's world, literacy is more than being able to read and write. Being 21st century literate includes being technologically savvy. Our "Bring-Your-Own-Device," or BYOD, program focuses on the integration of technology as a tool for learning, organizing, researching, communicating, and problem solving. BYOD operates within the *Microsoft Office 365* platform, allowing students and teachers to collaborate on a cloud format.

### Goals:

- Deepen and extend existing curriculum by providing access to an array of resources, tools and information sources only available through technology
- Teach and develop the essential skills of creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration
- Foster exploration and innovation in student work
- Promote engaging, interactive learning environments
- Cultivate digital citizenship and technical skill development

### Benefits of Technology Integration:

The integration of technology in education is now commonplace. Technology is an integral part of society; students must learn how to navigate in a digital world. Today's technology provides teachers and students with new learning opportunities.

### Research-Based Benefits of Technology Integration:

- Increases student engagement and motivation in the learning process
- Broadens opportunities for student collaboration on projects
- Creates opportunities for locating information and source material
- Addresses different student learning styles
- Strengthens student technology skills through regular usage
- Allows flexibility to demonstrate learning on student presentations and projects
- Provides ways to differentiate assignments and assessment

### Requirements for 2017-2018 School Year 6th Grade and New Middle School Students:

- Microsoft Surface Pro Series **OR** A Fully-Functional **Windows** Laptop
- Physical Keyboard and Separate Carrying Case

**System Requirements:** Microsoft® Windows® 10 preferred **AND** Microsoft® Office Suite installed.

*Laptops come in many configurations. When purchasing make sure the device selected meets the school's specifications or our required online educational sites may not work properly. If selecting a Windows laptop, be sure that the device can connect to an enterprise-based wireless network or has a dual band wireless adapter.*

Additional technical requirements available. For further information about specific devices or models, please review the FAQ Sheet or contact Mrs. White at [jwhite@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:jwhite@sjsissaquah.org)