
Morning Announcements
Some of you may be aware that our previous system for morning announcements was unable to be repaired last year. We are pleased to announce we do have a new system in place. In order to maintain student privacy these will not be available online, however, you are welcome to view them from our library television.

Chromebooks
As we announced at the end of the last school year, we are excited to share that our 5th graders will also be using chromebooks in the classroom in addition to the continued use of them in our middleschool. Also, we have decided to go with a more rugged Lenovo chromebook for our incoming 6th graders. They also have cases that remain on the chromebook while in use. We plan to continue evaluation of cost, usability, and durability each year moving forward.

Printing at home
You can set up a home printer to print from your students chromebook if you would like, here are some instructions to help you whether it is a cloud ready or a classic printer.

https://support.google.com/cloudprint/answer/1686197?hl=en&rd=1

*Please remember that all student google accounts are automatically filtered through a proxy server. If a student logs into a home computer, that computer will be filtered. They should always remember to log out if using a device other than their school issued chromebook*

Hapara
We will be using an app called Hapara in the classrooms this year. It will allow the teachers to interact with the student chromebooks directly as well as monitor their activity. The app also has a parent portal which will give you view access to your child’s google account: https://parent-portal.appspot.com/sjsijaquars.org (you’ll need the student google email address, the UID will be the student's birthday – MMDDYY)

Google Apps for Education
Google Apps for Education will continue to be used in grades 5-8. Google Drive is a file storage and service provided by Google, which enables users cloud storage, file sharing, and collaborating. At St. Joseph School, each student has been assigned a specific student number. This ensures that the students’ names and information are not available online.
**Digital Citizenship**

Digital Citizenship is a concept used to help students understand how to navigate technology appropriately. This year we are using [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) for our curriculum and invite you by sharing the connecting families series.


**West Campus Wifi**

We now have wifi throughout our west campus and plan to integrate technology into the classrooms with the elementary students. In addition to our current Windows lab student laptops, we will begin sharing a few iPad carts. The students will be introduced to apps like Khan Academy, MobyMax, as well as educational gaming apps.

**Schoolspeak**

We will be introducing a new school information system this year called Schoolspeak. It will allow for improved communication amongst teachers, students, and parents. Things like classroom calendars, grade book, report cards, homework, announcements, lunch ordering, email, forms, and payments will be located in one central location. We will send out more information on this as it becomes available.

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