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 a *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 2016-2017 School Year <u>6th Grade</u> and <u>New Middle School</u> Students:

- Microsoft Surface Pro 3 **OR** Microsoft Surface 3 **OR** A Fully-Functional <u>**Windows**</u> 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 St. Joseph School Technology Specialist, Ken Arney, at karney@sjsissaquah.org