

## **St. Luke School's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program**

St. Luke School's faculty and staff have many goals in place to provide a safe learning environment for all students enrolled at St. Luke. Several of the goals recognize the need to facilitate what we know to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. Teachers encourage students to bring their own device to school for educational purposes. By incorporating the use of personally owned devices, teachers plan to encourage collaboration on projects simultaneously, to foster digital citizenship, and to enhance the curriculum through technology opportunities. All classes, kindergarten through eighth grades, are participating in this program. Students do not have to bring their own device to school. All students will be given the opportunity to experience exciting and engaging lessons in all classes.

To support a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at St. Luke, teachers will encourage students to bring privately owned wireless and/or portable devices to include laptops, e-readers, netbooks, iPads, tablets, iPod Touches, and Smart Phones (only middle school students are allowed to bring cell phones to school). The St. Luke School Technology Committee encourages the purchase and use of iOS devices. Students who do not plan to provide their own device will be able to use the school's equipment and/or students will work collaboratively with a few devices. All school owned devices are iPads/iPad Minis and computers. No student will be left out of participating in the lesson, nor will anyone's learning environment be disrupted.

The use of privately owned devices on St. Luke's campus is not a necessity and should be considered a privilege. Students are expected to be responsible and thoughtful when using technology resources. When the use of personal or school devices are abused, privileges may be taken away and other consequences may apply. When respected, all will benefit from the experiences and opportunities provided by the program.

In order to be a participant in this program and /or use school devices, parents and students must sign and adhere to an Acceptable Use Policy. Our faculty and staff and administration are looking forward to the exciting, educational opportunities that BYOD will bring to our students. We appreciate the parents and students' support and understanding. Your suggestions and feedback will be welcomed and encouraged.

### **St. Luke School's Acceptable Use Policy**

Expectations of St. Luke School's BYOD Program and use of school owned devices:

- Students will only use appropriate educational applications on all devices, personal or school owned. They may access only files or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom instruction. Students are not allowed to call, text message, email, or electronically communicate with other students, parents, friends, and family during the school day through unapproved means of communication. An example of an approved web-based collaboration source is Google Docs and the communication will be a part of the classroom instruction and/or lesson assigned. Inappropriate communication or use of technology is unacceptable.
- Students may not use devices to record video, take photos, or post video and/or photos without the permission of a teacher or staff member of St. Luke School.

