

St. Patrick's School – Our Technology Story

Our School's Journey to a 1 on 1 School



How We Use Technology Everyday

At St. Patrick School, we use technology everyday from taking lunch count on the Smartboards to the use of online textbooks for Social Studies. Our school is a 1 on 1 school from Kindergarten to 8th Grade. Each student is enrolled in Google for Education. Spanish and Technology utilize Google Classroom for all students in 3rd through 8th Grade. All students attend technology class once to twice a week to develop keyboarding, application and programming skills. Students in Kindergarten to 2nd Grade use Microsoft Surface RT tablets. Our 3rd through 8th Grade students currently have HP Chromebooks. We also recently updated our Computer Lab with 30 HP Chromeboxes to replace 40 out of date XP Machines. Our school has a Smartboard in every classroom and technology is integrated into all subject areas.

How Access to Technology Has Changed Our School

By Maddi Cave (Class of 2017)

As students, it's hard to remember class before everyone had their own Chromebook device. Having constant access to technology makes everything efficient and easy! Each teacher and student has their own Gmail and Drive through Google that can be accessed from any internet device. Google Drive is an online folder where students can organize and create documents. Everything created by a student is automatically saved into their Drive, so finding an old document or project is easy! Drive is extremely helpful to students because projects are easier to work on, organize, and turn in through Google Classroom.

Virtual classrooms, folders, and Gmail accounts make everything simpler! Always having access to technology helps students learn and take creative license with their work. The Chromebooks are a constant resource of information, and possibilities for school projects are endless with Google's many different features. Thanks to our advanced technology, the way we learn has changed drastically only from last year! I can't imagine school without technology!

What We Could Do with More Funding

Being a Google for Education school many programs are free, but there are more services and subscriptions that would help our students

- More up to date online textbook subscriptions
- Common Core Math and Reading software programs
- Improved STEM research and activities
- Enhanced integrated projects that span several subject areas

Our Technology Timeline

Over the past four years, our technology program has grown.

2013-14: Purchased 100 Microsoft Surface Tablets.

2014-15: Enrolled in Google for Education.

2015-16: Formed Technology Committee. Purchased Chromebooks for the 5th to 8th Grade students.

2016-17: Increased number of 1 on 1 Chromebooks from 5th to 8th Grade to include students in 3rd through 8th Grade. Updated school computer lab mid year with 30 new Chromeboxes.

ABOUT US

St. Patrick School was founded and dedicated in 1952, and with a devoted parish commitment behind it, has thrived and grown into an academically premier Blue Ribbon School (awarded and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in 2012). From its very beginning, the school was staffed and led by the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation of Maryvale-Valley City, North Dakota. Although the Sisters are no longer with us, their inspiration, love, and charisms continue to be felt here, and through the hard work and loyal dedication of the lay men and women that serve on the faculty and staff, St. Patrick continues to educate and inspire their students to be top performing scholars, as well as faith-filled Christian followers of God, that go out into society to serve others and help positively change the world and the lives of those in it.