BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INFORMATION FOR 2023-2024

- K-2nd grade students are not expected to have a device.

- 3rd-6th grade students will need a fully charged laptop and charger to be used both on-campus and at home each day. Charging your device nightly is highly recommended.
  - Although students may not be using their devices every day in every class, it is important that they have their device with them so that they are prepared to do so. It is recommended that students have a second charger that is available at home and in the classroom. Please label all personal devices and chargers.

- 7th-12th grade students need a fully charged laptop with charger to be used both on-campus and at home each day.
  - Teachers regularly utilize our various tech tools and platforms with high school students, necessitating a one-to-one device expectation each day.

Required Student Minimum Device Specifications
To streamline tech support and ensure all devices are operating properly, it is strongly recommended that students acquire a Windows device as there is limited support for MAC & Chromebook devices.

- Hardware:
  - Windows based device (laptop or surface)
    - 4G RAM
    - 128G Hard drive

- Software installations:
  - Windows 10/11
  - Google Chrome web-browser
  - Windows Defender Antivirus (build into Windows software)
  - Microsoft Office 365 Suite, accessible at no cost using an SCS email account

- Headphones, per teacher instruction
- Power adapter; second charger recommended for home & classroom use
- Protective Case/Cover/Bag

ON-CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY/DEVICE SAFETY GUIDELINES

SCS has internet security incorporated into our school Wi-Fi. Students must be connected to a school Wi-Fi with a school device or their BYOD device while on campus. This ensures access to pertinent learning platforms and confirms site security. According to the technology agreement, outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook (grades K-12), students cannot have a VPN (Virtual Private Network) running on their personal device while on campus. Please assist your student in disabling that while on campus during the school day. Note that cell phones are not considered learning devices and must be stored appropriately during a school day. (Refer to your student’s principals for specifics on cellphone usage.)

SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICE AVAILABILITY

SCS has purchased a small number of laptops for use as loaner devices for families that need one. Due to limited availability of these school-issued devices, priority will be given to requests in the order they are received. If you determine your student will need a school-issued laptop, please send an email to SCS Tech Support to submit your request. Families are responsible for the loaner devices and any damages/loss incurred. In addition, there will be a monthly technology fee of $25 per device added to student accounts. Device pickup will occur once school begins, based on students’ grade level.
SCS WARRIORS & WARRIOR PARENTS

While we continue to incorporate one-to-one devices into our learning environments here are some important reminders about Canvas, our classroom learning platform.

*Grades K-2:* Students will not be using Canvas for course work or teacher communication during the school year. Parents will receive weekly email communications from their students’ teachers and students will receive weekly classroom work packets.

*Grades 3-6:* Students will be receiving their Canvas/Office 365 login information during their Tech-Time beginning mid-September. Please watch your classroom communications for more details. If your student has their own device, please have them begin bringing it to school that day, fully charged and with a charging cable. If your student has requested a device, they will receive it at that time as well. Teachers will begin publishing Canvas classroom information at that time.

Please log in to Canvas with your student to review what they learned during their Tech-Time. This allows you to see what they can see as a student. You can then set up your Canvas Parent account. While many Elementary parents prefer to work with their students in the Student Canvas account, there are additional benefits of having a parent account.

- You can view multiple students with one account
- Email communication from teachers directed to parents come from Canvas
- Ease of use via the Canvas APP

*Please review your student’s classroom newsletters as teachers will be including the dates and times your student will need to bring their devices to school from this point forward.*

*Grades 7-12:* Students will receive their Canvas/Office 365 email-login information on their schedules and/or during tech sessions starting the first day of school. If your student has their own device, please have them bring it to school, fully charged and with a charging cable. If your student has requested a device, they will receive it at that time.

You can find the link to our Canvas Parent information on our website under MySCS; Parent Resources. Note that parents have a different log-in site than students and use their personal email account. Please use this with your student to connect to their accounts. The benefits of having a Parent account include:

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- Email communication from teachers directed to parents come from Canvas
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