

Dear Parents of Grade 3 and 4 Students,

This year, there will be some exciting new changes to the iPad program for students in Grades 3 and 4.

Students will start the year with a pen-enabled iPad. Our older students have been using these iPads with Logitech Crayons for the last couple of years and, by most accounts, this has led to a surge of more effective note-taking, productivity and creativity. Given the success, as well as to best equip students during remote learning, we are now providing pen-enabled iPads to all students in Grades 3–8, as well as faculty.

Unfortunately, the Logitech Crayons have been on back-order since July, but we will let you know when they arrive. Read this article for more information: ["Everything You Need to Know About the Logitech Crayon"](#)



Also new this year is that all students will have their own sacredsf.org Google account. Log-in credentials will be included with your student's iPad. This means that all younger students will be a part of our "walled garden" email environment — they are only able to send and receive emails within the sacredsf.org domain. These accounts are going to be used primarily as a method for authenticating participation in school Zoom sessions in order to maximize security. More information will come as we move to authentication in all school Zoom classes, but for the time being, you can simply hold onto the account information for future reference. Your first Zoom meetings with teachers will **NOT** require a login.

Since these iPads are owned, configured and managed by the school, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- Families do NOT need to sign in with an AppleID or enable FindMyiPad. All management of the device is done remotely by the school.

- We strongly recommend NOT putting a passcode on the device or enabling parental controls at this time. If you must put a security code on the device, we ask that you email the code to support@sacredsfs.org so we have a record of it. It's difficult for us to help you retrieve a forgotten password from afar.
- All apps that students will use are pushed through the "Self Service App." When your student opens Self Service, they are able to find and download apps to their device. Students should only download apps when prompted by a teacher; it's unlikely they will need all of the apps that are there.



The items listed below are recommendations meant to help parents with optional purchases that may enhance the home learning experience for students. None of the items are required, and you are free to find alternatives.

These external keyboards are compatible with all student iPads.

- [Kensington Keyboard](#) (\$42)
- [Belkin Keyboard](#) (\$60)
- [Logitech Keyboard](#) (\$39.50)

Headphones with microphones for Grades 3–8

- [MPow Children's Headphones](#) (\$16)
- [RockPapa Headphones with Mic](#) (\$12)

Note: Students should already have a Crayon, but if it's lost or broken, you can purchase a replacement.

- [Logitech Crayon](#) (\$70)
- [Apple Pencil-First Generation](#) (\$99)

We are here to help, so please reach out to support@sacredsfs.org with any questions. One of our team members will get back to you, usually within 24 hours.

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