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Dear Parents,

We have some exciting news to share with you about the next phase of technology integration at Seffner Christian Academy. Over the past five years, the iPad initiative has progressed extremely well. We are seeing our students use technology meaningfully and purposefully within the classroom, and SCA desires to continue to be the leader in technology enhanced learning from a Biblical worldview. Based on feedback we have heard from our parents and students, we believe it is time to begin a new step in this journey.

In the 2016-2017 school year, SCA will implement a school-managed iPad program for students in 6th - 12th grade. For the two past years, we have utilized a “Bring Your Own Device/iPad” (BYOD) program for the secondary departments. A school-managed iPad program provides many advantages for our school and school families:

1. SCA provides iPads for students for use at school and home.
2. SCA oversees and implements downloads of apps and textbooks.
3. SCA manages restrictions and safeguards for digital safety and filtering both on and off campus.
4. Apple support available through SCA for technical issues.

We will begin the transition to school managed iPads over a 2-3 year phase in process with a middle school component and a high school component. We desire to be sensitive to the current SCA families who have recently purchased iPads and wish to continue to use those in the coming years. However, we also understand that parents may wish to purchase a school-managed iPad this next school year.

Middle School- 3 year Turn-in Program (Rental)

Beginning in the 6th grade, students will be issued a school-managed iPad to use for the three years in middle school. This will be theirs to use for the duration of their middle school years. At the end of the three years of middle school, the student will return their iPad back to the school. The student will be issued a new iPad at the beginning of high school for their four years of high school. The iPad provided for middle school will be an iPad Air 2 (16G). This also includes Apple Care and \$50 screen repairs by Apple.

High School- 3 year Lease to Own Program

Beginning in 9th grade, students will be issued a school-managed iPad to use for their four years of high school. This will be theirs to use for the duration of their high school years. Upon the completion of high school, the iPad will be released from the school-managed program, and the iPad will be the student's to take with them upon graduation for use in college. The iPad provided will be an iPad 9.7 Pro (32 G) for ample textbook storage. This also includes Apple Care and \$50 screen repairs by Apple.

For both programs, there will be an iPad fee. This will include textbooks, apps, and downloads will be provided on student iPads. School managed iPads are for educational use only. Gaming, music, or miscellaneous media will NOT be permitted on school-managed iPads.

Middle School iPad Rental Fee (6th-8th grades)— \$95 per year (The fee is assessed once per year in July)

High School iPad Lease to Own Fee- \$250 per year for 3 years (The fee is assessed once per year in July)
In high school, parents may opt to pay the entire 3 year fee in lump sum at \$700 (a \$50 reduction).

We will begin a slow transition process to School-Managed iPads over the next two-three years. Below you will find a chart showing the years of transition for each current SCA grade level. All elementary iPad initiatives will stay intact as they currently exist.

2015-16 School Year	2016-2017 School Year	2017-2018 School Year	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year
Current 5th graders	6th grade REQUIRED Middle School Managed iPad	7th grade REQUIRED Middle School Managed iPad	8th grade REQUIRED Middle School Managed iPad	9th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	10th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	11th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	12th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad
Current 6th graders	7th grade OPTIONAL	8th grade OPTIONAL	9th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	10th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	11th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	12th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	
Current 7th graders	8th grade OPTIONAL	9th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	10th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	11th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	12th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad		
Current 8th graders	9th grade OPTIONAL Highly Encouraged	10th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	11th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad	12th grade REQUIRED High school Managed iPad			
Current 9th graders	10th grade OPTIONAL	11th grade OPTIONAL	12th grade OPTIONAL				
Current 10th graders	11th grade OPTIONAL	12th grade OPTIONAL					
Current 11th graders	12th grade OPTIONAL						

Any new student that enters the SCA middle school or high school will enter into the school-managed program. Middle school students that withdraw from SCA must turn in the iPad back to the school upon their last day at school. High school students withdrawing from SCA must pay the remaining balance on lease and take iPad with them upon withdraw from school.

We will be communicating more information about the implementation of the program throughout the remainder of the school year. We wanted to get this information to you prior to the Christmas season when parents may be purchasing iPads for the next school year. SCA feels this new program will be beneficial for our families, teachers, and students and will allow for ease of use for parents when downloading textbooks and apps. It will also allow teachers to assure the students have all appropriate tools and information for while in class.

If you have any further questions about this program, please contact mcanterbury@scacrusaders.com. Thank you so much for your continued partnership with SCA for your child's education and development.

For His Kingdom,

The SCA Administrative Team