

Please review ALL of these materials and complete the attached questionnaire.

Attention ALL parents currently in Grades 5, 6, and 7

1 to 1 Laptop program for 2009- 2010

Follow up to Parent's Meeting

If you missed the Parent meeting, you should visit the school web site to watch the linked video. Below is a recap of some of the information.

President Obama says: "As we bring our school system into the 21st century, we also have to bring our schools into the 21st century, because while technology has transformed just about every aspect of our lives -- from the way we travel to the way we communicate to the way we look after our health -- one of the places where we've failed to seize its full potential is in the classroom."

St Elisabeth School is transforming education

Together we can provide our students with an excellent and relevant academic program founded in the values of our faith

Today's student needs an entirely new skill set to be successful in their life.

School cannot be the same for them as it was for us.

We know that information/ knowledge is growing rapidly and that in the fields of science, math and engineering what a student learns in their first year of college is out dated by their third year

We know that students:

Must understand how to function professionally in a digitally connected learning environment and workspace

Must be able to communicate clearly in the global arena

Must be able to find and use information not just memorize a textbook

Must be creative, collaborative, problem solver who use critical thinking to come up with innovative solutions

We know that these are the skills our students will need to succeed and we are committed to help them gain the confidence and the knowledge they will need for their future!

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2009-2010 Grades 6,7,8

All students in 6th 7th and 8th grade will need a laptop/netbook to bring to school each day next year. The school will provide the network connectivity, training for teachers, students and parents as well as productivity software. Parents / families need to provide the computer and insurance to cover accidental damage or theft.

The school is working with an educational supplier to get optimum pricing but you have the choice to buy through the school or the student may bring a laptop they already own. However if you are bringing in your own laptop it must meet the following minimum specifications.

Minimum Specifications

Must be a PC based computer (NO Macs/Apple computers)

Operating System Windows **XP PRO** Or **VISTA Business or Ultimate** version(No home versions)

Recommended 2 gigs of Ram Minimum 1gig of ram

Recommended 160 gigabyte hard drive absolute minimum 80 gigabyte*

Recommended Battery life 7 to 8 hours minimum 6 hours

Weight 3 lbs or less

DPI 1366 x 768 recommended minimum 1024 x 600

Minimum screen size 10 inch

Built in Microphone and web cam recommended

Please understand that If you buy or have an existing computer it must not be full of games and software and it must be brought in to the office for inspection and or reconfiguration

Attached are the flyers for the two netbooks which we are pricing. The optimum would be the 11 inch but the 10 inch is also acceptable.

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Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the office Wed June 10 (tomorrow.)

One to One Laptop Program 2009-2010

Check ALL that apply

_____ My child already owns a laptop/netbook computer *

***You must make an appointment to bring in the computer before June 30th to go over the specifications**

_____ I would like to be part of the group purchase of netbooks through the school

_____ I am interested in the 11 inch netbook with full size keyboard (Aprox Price under \$500)

_____ I am interested in the 10 inch net book (Aprox price \$350))

_____ I want to purchase the computer on my own **You will need an appointment to review the specifications and configuration needed before make your purchase)**

_____ To help defray the cost I am willing to work on fundraising over the summer . I understand that the money raised will be divided by all those who work the event.

_____ I will help organize fundraising.

I have read and understand ALL of the material about the 1 to 1 program.

I understand that this program is going into effect with the beginning of the new school year.

Parent's name; _____

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's email _____

Parent's Phone _____

Child's name _____ Grade in Sept 2009 _____