

Highland Catholic School is proud of our current iPad program for the following reasons:

- We are giving every student the tools they need to succeed in the classroom, including word processing, collaborative presentations, online research, and access to teacher resources.
- We strictly manage, filter and monitor our iPads. Our filter, regardless of the location of the iPad, does not permit access to social media sites (facebook, twitter, etc.) and any sites deemed inappropriate for youth. We have removed the App store from the iPad disabling the students from installing their own games and other non-educational apps. We do allow the students to download their own non-explicit music, iBooks and video and have full use of the camera. We strongly believe this maintains the iPad as an educational tool, not a toy or distraction.
- All students regardless of learning type and level use the iPad to adjust content to fit their own learning styles. Those who need auditory instruction can listen to the literature books or text through the iPad, those who are visual can easily manipulate text to fit their needs. Teachers easily provide extra content to those gifted learners or adjust content to those learners that need additional help without singling out the student for those differences
- We have cut down paper, clutter, and hopefully late afternoon trips to school. Teachers give students pdf handouts, assignments, and some literature electronically using Google Docs and a program called MyBigCampus (an in-house calendar and classroom networking tool created specifically for school environments). The students hand in documents electronically, cutting down your (and our) cost of paper and ink.
- We have established individual professional development sessions to further staff technology development at all the varying levels of readiness. We also plan and execute a week-long summer professional development training session.
- We prepare them for high school and college technology use.

We give 7th and 8th grade families one more machine to help complete homework. More importantly, since this machine is maintained and monitored by the school, leaving little for parents to do when it comes to troubleshooting, monitoring and repair.