

Clinton Public School

7th and 8th grade iPad program

The mission of Clinton Public School is to inspire our students to become contributing members of society who are independent, innovative, life-time learners equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

Current trends show an increasing reliance on technology, collaboration, and access to information at a moment's notice.

It is essential that the District:

- provide our students with the skills that they need to be independent learners;
- provide necessary tools and resources for a progressive learning environment characterized by flexibility, collaboration, personalization, creativity, and technology-rich learning; and,
- empower students and teachers to use technology like adults do in the real world, accessing and using purposeful technology-based tools anytime a task calls for them.

The iPad Committee

We formed an iPad committee whose purpose is to identify the framework of the iPad initiative, with the focus on flexibility, instruction, and security. It is after lengthy discussions that we have come to these decisions. This is an ongoing process which will continue throughout the implementation.

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What it looks like

- All 7th and 8th grade students will have an iPad assigned to them in the fall.
- All subject-area teachers (including specials) who teach 7th or 8th grade students have an iPad
- There is an iPad handbook to which both parents and students should refer
- The students will be expected to bring the iPad with them to each class
- Students who participate in the insurance program will be allowed to bring iPads home
- The students will be provided an Otterbox protective case by the school
- iPads will have a security code to prevent anyone but the student from using it
- The students will return the iPads at the end of the school year

Restrictions & iTunes accounts

- iPads will have some restrictions on what they can and cannot do
- iPads cannot be synced to any computer
- Students will be using school-supplied "generic" iTunes accounts without a credit card associated with it
- The iTunes accounts will be reused the following year (they do not remain with the graduating student)
- Students will be able to download TEACHER-APPROVED, age-appropriate (12+), FREE apps only
- CPS will purchase and install any required apps
- FaceTime and iMessage will be disabled

Loss/Damage and Warranty

- CPS has our own insurance plan for damage that covers up to 2 damage claims
- Parents will be responsible for the \$50 enrollment cost, or the iPad will not be allowed to go home
- The first two repairs for the iPad will cost \$50 each. After the second repair, the parents will be responsible for the full cost of the repair or replacement
- CASES, CHARGERS, AND SYNC CABLES ARE NOT COVERED. Parents may fill out Otterbox warranty claim form on the [Otterbox website](#) or pay the school for replacement parts.
- Lost or stolen iPads are not covered. Parents will be responsible for the full cost of the iPad and a Police report MUST be filed by the parent
- Remaining funds from insurance enrollment will be used to support the iPad program

Google Apps for Education & Gmail

- Google Apps for Education includes:
 - Gmail
 - Google Docs (word processing)
 - Google Spreadsheets
 - Google Presentations (like PowerPoint)
- Gmail accounts will be provided to all students in grades 5-8
- Email helps with student/teacher communication and movement of content between devices
- Students will be restricted to emailing teachers and other students, unless a need arises to allow greater latitude at a later date
- All of these apps are free for CPS, and are used at the high school

Apps and Books (Paid vs. Free)

- Free apps and books are preferred, since there was a finite budget and most of it was earmarked for the iPads and cases
- We will purchase apps/books if the free versions are too limiting
- All paid apps and books will be approved by a committee before purchase
- Students have the ability to download PRE-APPROVED free apps/books at any time within the age restrictions set

iPad Handbook

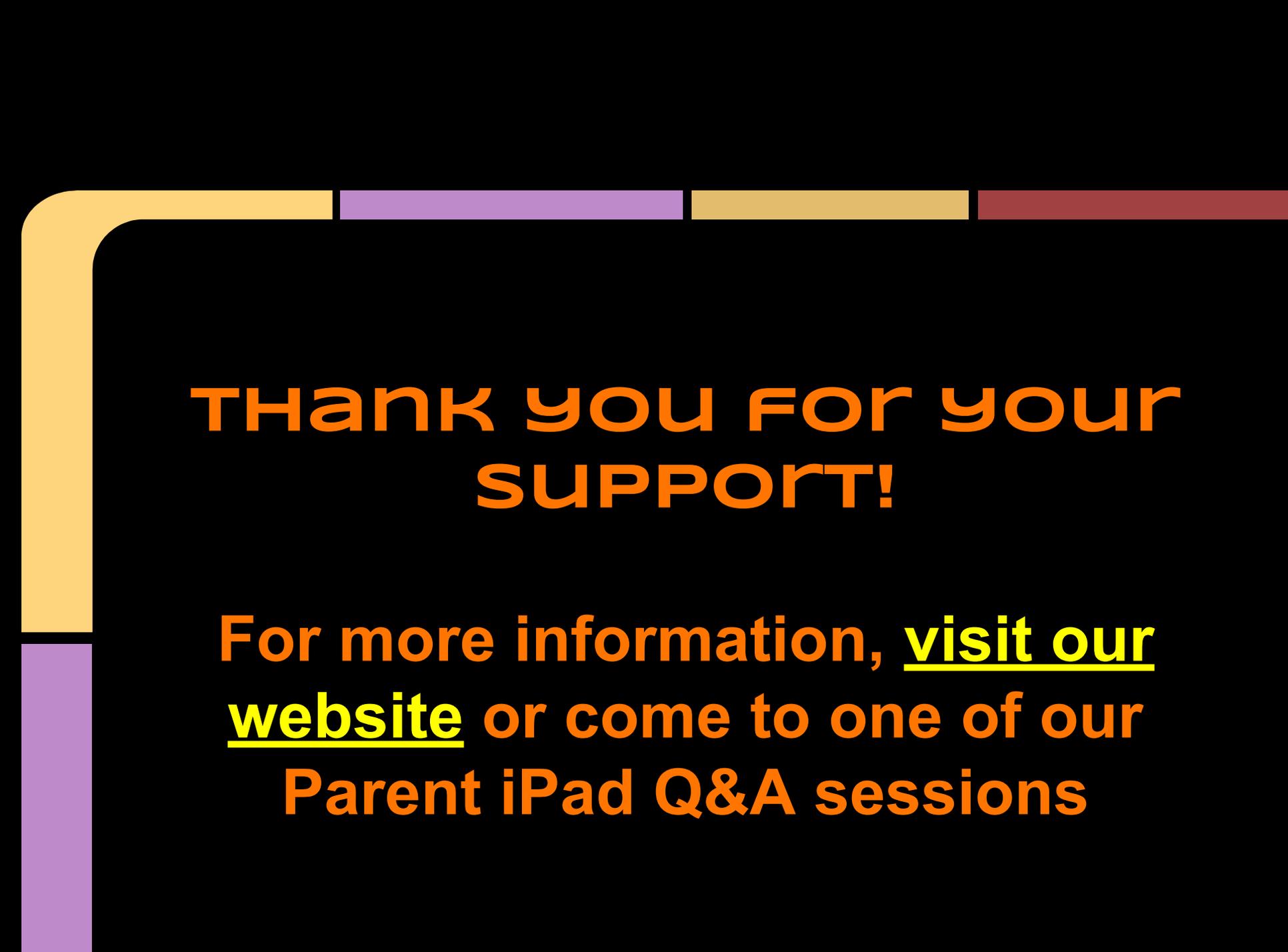
A handbook will be provided to the students and parents which will include the following:

- Purpose and rationale of the program
- Student and parental agreement
- Logistics of the program
- Student responsibilities and consequences
- Warranty information
- Damage and Insurance costs
- Parent and student acceptance forms

Student Planner Replacement

Previously, the school provided planners to our students to keep track of assignments and due dates. Some of the problems we have seen that keep this from being a truly useful tool for a student involve students forgetting them, or forgetting something is due, or forgetting to add something to them.

This year, this planner will be replaced by a cloud-based calendar that the students will have access to. Each student will have a Google Calendar that can be synced with the Calendar app on the iPad. When a student enters an assignment due, the student can program a reminder to appear in advance of the due date on the iPad, or emailed to him- or herself. Also, if the iPad is unavailable, they can check their same calendar online and get the same alerts, so they are never without their planner.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

**For more information, visit our
website or come to one of our
Parent iPad Q&A sessions**