

Dear Parents of Rising 7th -12th Graders,

School year 2012-2013 at Lake Highland holds great promise to be an exciting one for learning! As we prepare our students for 21st century skills, each of our students in grades 7-12 will be using daily the most powerful personalized learning tool currently available - - the iPad.

We are expanding our computer network and bandwidth, learning about all of the iPad functionalities, exploring new modes of instructional delivery, and experimenting with the best apps as we get ready for our iPad initiative launching in August. The members of our faculty have had their iPads since December and are excited about the opportunity to integrate iPads into their instruction next year. We know our students will be equally enthusiastic about the expanded access to information and learning mobility afforded by the iPad.

We will begin the school year with orientation meetings at which we will request the presence of each student, **along with at least one parent**. At this meeting we will orient our students with basic functions, school email accounts, and user expectations. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

The main reason for this email today is to ask that you make a decision now about options for iPad purchase for your student. We need to have your confirmation by May 1st in order to make our purchases for August.

As outlined previously, you have three options regarding iPads for your students.

OPTION #1: School issued iPad 2 The school will issue your student a school-owned iPad 2 (16gb Wi-Fi) including a protective iPad cover next August. The school-owned iPads will be collected at the end of the school year in May 2013. You will be charged a modest \$25 insurance fee in case your child loses or destroys the school-owned iPad. The insurance policy will contain a \$200 deductible as an incentive to encourage your child to be extra diligent in the care and custody of the school provided iPad. NOTE: These iPads will be delivered to your student at the iPad Orientation Meeting in August.

OPTION #2: Student owned iPads If your child owns an iPad and you decline the school issued iPad, the school will credit your student account \$100 which can be applied toward book purchases or other charges incurred on your student billing account. You will continue to receive the \$100 credit annually for three years as long as use of a school iPad is declined. Over a three year period, you would receive \$300 in credits, plus avoid the \$25 per year insurance fee. iPad 1, iPad 2 or the new iPad just released are all acceptable models for use at LHPS.

OPTION #3: Purchase iPad 2 from LHPS If you would like to buy a new iPad 2 (16gbWi-Fi) from the school rather than accept a school issued iPad, we will offer the same \$100 student account credit in Option 2 and sell you an iPad 2 for \$379. The \$379 is our cost and, as of this writing, represents a slight discount off the price for the same iPad in the Apple store or through an on-line purchase, plus you avoid sales tax by buying through the school for educational purposes. NOTE: These iPads will be delivered to your student at the iPad Orientation Meeting in August.

Not included in option 2 and 3 above is a cover or case which comes in many colors and styles available in our school store, through online vendors and many local stores. For protection and for personalization, students will want to pick out and personalize their own cover or case. Some covers also include an external keyboard for typing. However, many students take easily to the touchscreen keypad and do not need the external keyboard.

The school needs to know how many iPads to order. [We ask that you click here and indicate your choice of options.](#)

If we do not hear from you, our default position will be not to order an iPad for your student, nor will you receive your student account \$100 credit. Please respond now so we will know for sure that your child will have an iPad when school starts and he or she won't be left behind. We must hear from you to ensure that every student has an iPad at the iPad orientation meeting in August.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year when we super-charge learning using iPads.

Sincerely,

Warren Hudson  
President, LHPS