

March 26, 2012

Dear parents of 8th grade students.

The eighth grade is currently working on an MLA style research paper in English class. The final draft is due Wednesday, April 4 or before for the student leaves for spring break. In order to help the students along in the writing process, I am planning on giving the students two days in class to draft their papers. After careful consideration of the rapidly changing availability of personally owned mobile devices, I want to offer all students the option of using those devices within our learning environment. We are calling it "BYOD" (or Bring Your Own Device). The mobile devices will not need to be connected to the internet. We will only be using them for their word-processing features. The mobile devices may not be used in other classes without teacher permission. They may only be used during the students' English class. This student is also responsible for saving all work on either the mobile device or a personal flash drive. Printing is not available from these personal devices so students are encouraged to save their work frequently.

If the student does not have a personal mobile device to bring in, he or she will be offered one of the laptops from the laptop carts here at school. If there are not enough working laptops, the students will be asked to start their rough drafts by hand.

Bringing your own technology tools to school can be extremely useful. However, some risks are involved as well. St. Hilary School is not responsible for the theft of a device nor are we responsible for any damage done to the device while at school by any individual. Furthermore, the school's Acceptable Use Policy will still apply even while the students are using their own devices.

Your child may bring a personal mobile device such as an iPad, laptop, or netbook (cell phones will not work for this project) to school on **Thursday, March 29, and Friday, March 30**. Please make sure to sign and return this form as students will not be able to use their devices if this form is not on file. Please contact Mrs. Peko with questions.

Thank you!
Mrs. Peko
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My child has my permission to use his or her personal mobile device for English class to write his or her research paper. I understand the above policy regarding the BYOD procedure.

Parent Signature

Date

Student name (Printed legibly)