

Web Tools Notification

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Such a variety of online tools are now available to enhance the educational possibilities. We are excited to be using the below tools to provide our junior high students with collaborative environments, guided learning, and authentic audiences for their assignments which may involve sharing work on the web. The below tools require online accounts that the teachers will create for your son or daughter as needed. In some cases, these sites require students to create user accounts. We believe that practicing responsible use of online accounts in school will encourage relevant discussion of online safety and privacy, respectful online interactions, and exploration of online communities as learning tools.

Security

These online tools are designed to minimize risk to your child. The only personally identifying information that may be publicly shared on the Internet will be their first name. Students will be allowed to post their interests and opinions, but not their age, email address, photographs of themselves, or other sensitive information. We may add on other accounts that have the same privacy restrictions.

Web Tools

Pearson SuccessNet

www.pearsonsuccessnet.com

Science and Social Studies Textbooks

Holt McDougal Online

my.hrw.com

Math Textbook

Mathletics

www.mathletics.com

Students can perform math activities and compete in class or global competitions.

PowerSchool

sfarch.powerschool.com

Access to grades, assignments. Students and parents have their own, separate ids.

Gmail

www.gmail.com

Google provides the free email accounts for our junior high students. These will be periodically monitored.

Google Drive

www.drive.google.com

Associated with each gmail account is the ability to use collaborative documents, presentations, drawings, websites, etc. Documents are only accessible to those that the documents are shared with.

KidBlog

www.kidblog.org

KidBlog allows students to blog in a safe, moderated environment. All student posts are moderated, as are any responses.

Edmodo

www.edmodo.com

Students share an online learning environment with their classmates. Teachers can post assignments and students can submit some assignments and pose questions to classmates.

Animoto

www.animoto.com

An online video creation tool. Videos are private unless shared publicly.

Typing Club

www.typingclub.com

A way for students to keep track of their typing progress and complete typing tasks.

Scratch

www.scratch.mit.edu

Scratch is an online (and offline) visual programming language and online community. Students can share their projects with people all over the world.

Please review the attached information; complete and return this form to school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Anne Brinkman at the school (650)368-8327 or technology@stpiusschool.org

_____ I give permission to St. Pius School to create online accounts for my child.

_____ I give permission for my child to use the above tools and other online curricular tools. By doing so, I agree to enforce acceptable use when my child is off school property.

_____ I give permission for my child and the school to publish student work, with the understanding that student last names and confidential personal information will not be published.

_____ I give permission for my child and the school to publish photographs and videos of themselves with the understanding that student last names and confidential personal information will not be published.

Parent Signature

Date

_____ I understand that the St. Pius School Acceptable Use Policy (separate document) applies to my use of the above tools. I will abide by these policies or risk losing access to these tools or Internet while at school.

Student Signature

Date