

Following are a few tech questions asked by parents attending the 2021 New Parent Orientation on June 15.

- What freshmen model iPad are students getting?

- 8th Generation Apple iPad

- If I were to buy a writing instrument for the iPad, should I buy a stylus or an Apple Pencil?

- Although a stylus is considerably less expensive, you don't get the same tactile feeling of actually writing that you do when using the Apple Pencil. I encourage you to take a look at Apple's website as well as go to Apple or BestBuy to play with them and see if you want to invest in the Apple Pencil. I might also suggest buying a cheap stylus and see if your child likes to write things out on the iPad. If they do, then look at the investment of an Apple Pencil.

- If I get an Apple Pencil, what version do I get?

- 1st Generation Apple Pencil. If buying through Apple you can get an education discount. Also check Amazon.com and [bestbuy.com](https://www.bestbuy.com) because they do put them on sale often.

- Can the iPad work with a keyboard?

- Any Bluetooth Keyboard will work for the iPad. Finitie makes an inexpensive and somewhat durable keyboard for around \$10-\$15.

- What about a keyboard and case combo?

- Those will work too, just make sure that the keyboard/case works for the 8th Generation iPad. Otherwise it will not fit properly and could cause damage to the iPad.

- Do students use the keyboards?

- Honestly, very few do. Many students quickly become comfortable typing on the screen and learn how to separate the on-screen keyboard to make it even

easier. One note here. If they end up taking accounting or one of the business classes, a keyboard will benefit them if an at-home computer isn't available.

- Can students put their personal email on their school iPad and their school email on their personal phones?

- Absolutely! I would encourage this so that if something happens to one, they have the other.

- Do students get to keep the iPads over the summer and what happens when they graduate from Bishop Chatard?

- We do not collect iPads over the summer. The reason for this is that Bishop Chatard offers additional classes such as Math Academy and Health during the summer that students might want to attend. Once they graduate, they get to keep the iPads. School relinquishes control roughly 2 days after the last day of school. We heavily communicate this to them and the few steps they must do to help.

- How do I limit the amount of time or even protect my child from unwanted content on the internet?

- Your first and best resource is your ISP (Internet Service Provider) like Comcast or AT&T. Many of the wireless routers they provide have built-in protection and firewall option that you can enable. Most of the time you have to download an App such as the AT&T Smart Home app. This allows you to create a separate network just for children and put restrictions on it. Check out your ISP website to see how to enable and use these features.
- The school has the ability to push apps to the iPad, one such app is called Covenant Eyes. This app can do a lot of the above mentioned work for you, however, it is a subscription-based service. You may set up an account on their website and then sign in on the app.