

1 to 1 iPad Initiative

A Technology Rich Learning Environment for a 21st Century Education!

As part of our commitment to embrace 21st century technology for education, Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School has adopted the iPad as our 1 to 1 technology tool for teaching and learning. To ensure the effective and safe use of the iPad both in and out of the classroom, Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School will provide ongoing training to students, faculty, and parents throughout the year.

How do students of the 21st century learn best?

Research has demonstrated that students of this generation learn and engage in education differently than students of the past. Students of today are immersed in a digital world. They communicate, collaborate, and create digitally everyday. Research indicates that students learn best when they are actively engaged, and technology engages students. As a result, schools need to use technology to promote active and engaged learning throughout the educational experience. Effective integration of technology into teaching and learning can result in higher levels of student achievement. If schools are going to meaningfully educate and prepare students to be successful citizens of tomorrow, technology must be a primary tool in their education.

It's About **LEARNING**, not About Technology

Although the iPad Initiative will serve as great marketing tool for Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School, the number one reason for moving to the 1 to 1 iPad Initiative is to improve student learning and better prepare our students to be dynamic leaders in a 21st century environment. In addition, research suggests that embedding digital technology in the hands of students and teachers in the learning environment positively impacts student engagement, collaboration, and knowledge base.

- Students will develop multi-media presentations beyond "PowerPoint" to communicate concepts and theories.
- Students will take on-line quizzes and exams to test knowledge and evaluate understanding.
- Students will become creative presenters through the use of technology.
- Students will learn how to be discerning and wise regarding the information and opportunities available through the Internet.
- Students will demonstrate enhanced writing skills and improved dialogue about the writing process.
- Students will become involved in collaborative learning beyond the walls of the classroom.
- Students will increase their research, collaboration, and reporting skills.
- Graduates will be even better prepared and experience greater success at the high school level.
- Students will be equipped to be leaders in their secondary education and careers because they have become effective researchers, communicators, problem solvers, and innovators.
- Enrollment at Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School will grow as families from the community recognize the quality and value of the education offered.
- Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Miami can remain strong and vibrant as families select the "system" for excellent Christian education from pre-kindergarten through middle school.