

Dear Parents,

**In an effort to continue to improve our educational methods, we will be issuing your students an educational Google account.** This account will allow students and teachers to take advantage of the collaborative nature of working online, as well as prepare students for the kinds of work environments they will encounter in the future.

With these accounts your students will be able to **produce work online** using basic office features such as word processing, spreadsheets and presentations. This will allow them to access this work from any computer with an internet connection, as well as allow students and teachers to **work together** on documents without being in the same place. These Google accounts will also allow students to **access other great educational tools** available on the internet as well. At this time we will not be enabling the e-mail feature.

In these applications your students will be **communicating and providing feedback** in an **online** environment. When commenting, your students will be expected to adhere to a code of conduct. The code of conduct is included with this letter.

Below are the program standards for the Archdiocesan Technology Curriculum that will be met with this experience

### **Program Standards:**

#### **Standard 1-Digital Citizenship**

*We will use the Google Authoring Environments to bring student products to real audiences*

#### **Standard 3-Communication and Collaboration**

*We will provide a monitored environment for students to practice collaborating online*

#### **Standard 4-Creativity and Innovation**

We will take advantage of web 2.0 tools with Google account sign in, enabling students to use internet tools that move them beyond the remembering level on Blooms Taxonomy

Thank you,

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