

Computer Technology Program

At St. Brendan School our Computer Technology Program includes more than just an understanding of the physical computer and basic software programs. We strive to go beyond by teaching a wide range of software applications, training for the use of various hardware devices, introducing networking concepts, reinforcing computer ethics and appropriate Internet use, while also providing practical application, and practicing presentation skills

Each grade has different mastery goals so that by the time a student is to the point of graduation, they will be comfortable using the computer to seek information, manipulate data and images, and produce a finished, professional project.

Technology is important in our lives and is a basic skill needed for the 21st century. As we progress further into a technological and information seeking world, computer skills become a much-needed commodity. We strive to prepare every student to the best of their abilities.

Fifth Grade

Students will continue to review and expand their computer terminology and skills in handling computer components and software. Proper iBook use will be practiced, including saving documents to the server and care for the machine. Students will continue to master skills in Microsoft Word and Power Point, including presentation skills. Microsoft Excel will be introduced, focusing on inputting data and creating of charts and graphs. KidPix will be used as a drawing application to allow students to explore different options for illustrating projects. Students will continue practicing their keyboarding skills using Type To Learn 3, with an emphasis on key placement and speed. Students will also have the chance to work with digital cameras and flatbed scanners. Internet safety and computer ethics will be discussed and guided searches on the Internet will be conducted.

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