

In order to improve our students learning through technology, we have identified two needs for St. John Regional School.

The first is targeted at our kindergarteners, first, second and third graders. Presently, our younger students use the same Chromebook computers with standard keyboards. It is evident that these students lack keyboarding skills. This makes computer use for these students too cumbersome.

We are looking to purchase a set of computers with touch screens to be used by the students in our younger grades. This will enable them to easily access a program to work on basic skills. We are interested in several programs which will allow each student to open and continue working on particular basic skills at their own pace.



"Having a smart board in 5th grade will create more engaging lessons for students because of the interactive ability the board presents. Students will also be able to acquire the knowledge of how they work before moving into middle school where they will also be able to use one. I have been able to see firsthand how excited students get to be able to use a smart board in class and it seems to help them divulge more attention to their learning which creates a deeper understanding of the material."

-Mrs. Denison, Grade 5 Teacher



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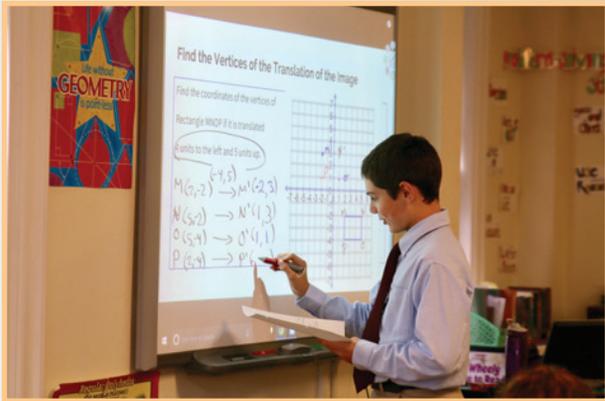
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SJRS is committed to increasing student engagement with technology to enhance their academic learning.

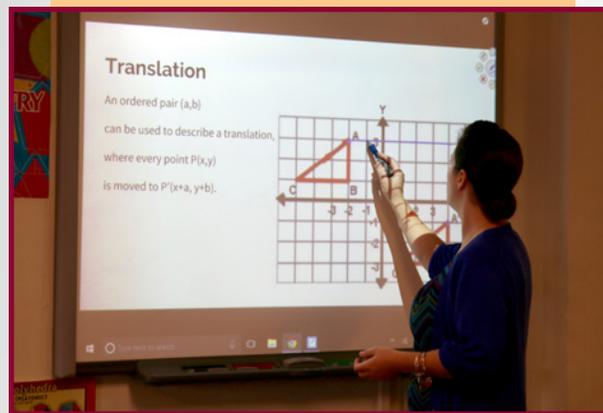


Our second need focuses on enhancing interactive classroom learning in grades 3 through 8. We presently have one interactive "Smart Board" in our Math classroom. These devices project information on a screen whereby teachers and students can write on it. Anything written on the screen can be saved and shared later with a student who needs reinforcement or a student who was absent.

In Math class, 15 students may have a set of different coordinates on a graph. The teacher can project the graph and the students can then each fill in their points. In Science, the class can see a picture of a cell and the students can actively label the various parts of it directly on the screen.

Interactive whiteboards go by a variety of brand names. Although the price of these devices has dropped in the last several years, they still cost about \$ 3,000 with installation. We would be looking to purchase three or four of these devices to be placed in classrooms from grade 3 through grade 8.

"Interactive" is the key term here as these boards can be used to involve students as active learners. SJRS would like to continue to purchase additional interactive whiteboards in future years. This will allow our school to keep abreast with improvements in technology and enhance the classroom learning environment.



Our Fall Appeal is dedicated to raising the funds to meet these needs. In setting the goal for this appeal at \$15,000.00 we are trying to increase student engagement with technology

Our goal is \$15,000.00

- \$12,000.00 for the purchase and installation of 3 - 4 interactive "Smart Boards"
- \$3,000.00 for the purchase of twelve touch screen computers to be used by students in our younger grades.

You can help us with any amount, large or small. With your financial assistance, we will reach our goal.

