

Parents, and Guardians

Western school corporation will continue to use Pads in grades K-12 for the next four years. The new 2017 updated iPad will give students and staff more features and more functionality. Along with the new features we as a district felt it was necessary to stay consistent for students and staff while giving them updated functionality.

Hearing common requests throughout the selection process such as keyboards, the need for more iPad storage, smaller footprint, more classroom manageability, and multitasking we felt the model selected will help resolve concerns while still moving forward.

Below are some of the new iPad features and functions:

- Faster processor
- Lighter / Smaller
- 10 hour battery life (similar to last one)
- 32GB of storage (2x more than last one)
- Multitasking (two screens open at one time)
- Higher screen resolution
- Newer and smaller case design
- K-12 will have same model

More information about the new model can be found at <https://www.apple.com/ipad-9.7/>

Included with the features above we will be purchasing sets of keyboards for each building for classroom use and we are working with CDWG.com to extend pricing of the keyboards to parents at an educational discounted rate, more information on how to purchase a keyboard will be shared once finalized.

Another exciting feature Apple has released is Apple Classroom. Classroom allows teachers to monitor students iPad screens, lock students into apps or webpages, blackout the screen, send the entire class a document, and other management features that will improve and streamline instruction in the classroom.

Parent information:

Western Middle School will be hosting an Internet Safety convocation presented by the Indiana State Police on Friday, Aug 25th for the student body during the school day. The ISP will also be hosting an evening session on Aug 25th for parents on Internet Safety. This outstanding convocation opens eyes on internet safety and how to keep yourself safe.