

Catholic High School for Boys Expands Technology in the Classroom with Grant from Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Education Trust of Arkadelphia, Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (Nov. 11, 2019) — Catholic High School for Boys, a Little Rock college-preparatory school founded in 1930, advances the integration of technology into the school's rigorous academic curriculum thanks to a grant from the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Education Trust of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The \$36,000 grant will allow the school's English Department to purchase necessary technology to expand a successful pilot program that promotes grammar and writing instruction for all students.

"We are incredibly grateful for this generous gift grant from the Sturgis Foundation," said Catholic High School Principal Steve Straessle. "As technology becomes an increasingly integral part of the educational experience, we want to ensure that its applications continue to align with our core values at Catholic High to educate young men who exemplify faith, integrity and duty. This grant allows us to take a step forward in that work."

The funds from the grant will provide Chromebook carts for the Catholic High School English Department in coordination with the recently implemented NoRedInk platform. NoRedInk combines teacher-introduced material and assignments with online interactive exercises with constant feedback to help students master grammar and writing skills through self-guided inquiry and practice. The combination creates a learning environment that allows students to grow at their own pace with consistent teacher guidance and support.

"We know the process of teaching students to write and communicate better requires adequate amounts of guided and customized practice," Straessle said. "This strategic balance of in-class instruction and online engagement allows both teachers and students to focus on the important goal of writing well and often."

The addition of three Chromebook carts and the integration of the NoRedInk platform in the classroom enables the school to provide students with an innovative educational experience of the highest caliber. As the pilot program continues to grow and succeed, the school will look for additional opportunities and funds to expand the model to additional classes and coursework.

About Catholic High School for Boys

Catholic High School for Boys, a college-preparatory high school in Little Rock, Ark., was founded by Bishop John B. Morris of the Diocese of Little Rock in 1930 to ensure that boys in the Little Rock area had access to quality Catholic secondary education. More than three-quarters of a century later, CHS continues its tradition of aiding boys of all faiths in their spiritual and academic growth. The school is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year as it continues to provide its students the needed foundation to become outstanding fathers, husbands and leaders in their communities. Learn more at: www.lrchs.org.

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