



SAINT AMBROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

August, 2016

Dear Saint Ambrose School High School Prep Families,

To all the incoming 6th graders and new students... WELCOME to the High School Prep Program. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead over the next several years as you continue your education in these most formative years at Saint Ambrose School.

Please review the following information on our Technology Programming:

As a quick review, all 6-8th grade students will be engaged in what is called one to one (1:1) technology as part of our enhanced High School Prep Programming.

This means each student in grades 6-8 will have their own personal Chromebook, an ultra-light laptop, to use during their daily instruction.

The students will be using their Chromebooks for assignments, projects, research, and assessments. The speed, access to educational applications, keyboarding and use of the Google Apps for Education Platform along with personal teacher interaction, that 1:1 usage provides, will enhance the instructional process in unlimited ways.

IMPORTANT DATE: Please mark your calendars for **6:30 pm Tuesday, August 30, 2016**. Join us for a **technology orientation** where we will explain the program and **pass out the Chromebooks to our 7th and 8th graders**. You will be getting the same Chromebook that was issued to you last year, as that is your personal Chromebook. New students will be getting a Chromebook that is cataloged by serial number and will be going home with them as would any textbook. Our **sixth graders**, will start by using the Chromebooks in school and they will be kept in carts and charged nightly.

Formal directions and instruction on the Chromebooks will take place in school with the assistance of our High School Prep Staff and third party technology experts. All students will be assigned a g-mail (email) account in order to participate in the Google Apps for Education Platform. Please note also that each device has a special management counsel license from Google that allows us to keep extra controls on the content that can be accessed on the internet. It also allows our technology staff and teachers to push out applications across the fleet of devices.

There are a few basic, important points that we need to address prior to the students taking possession of the Chromebooks:

1. A onetime fee of 125.00 per student is required for this program. At the end of their 8th grade year, the students will then be able to keep their Chromebook. Each 6th grade student and all new 7/8th grade students should submit cash or check for \$125.00 payable on or before August 30, 2016. As stated earlier, at the end of 8th grade, this deposit will serve as payment in full for the Chromebook and the student will be able to keep them. **Please make checks payable to: Saint Ambrose School: Attn: Lynn Rogers/Business Office.**

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Also, if you have any financial circumstances, please feel free to contact Mrs. Cinadr at 330-460-7350 or Lynn Rogers in the business office at 330-460-7335.

2. Please note the Acceptable User Policy (applicable for only 6-8). Every school district requires that students sign a form acknowledging that they respect the use of technology in the manner in which it is intended and that violations against this policy will not be tolerated and will result in loss of privileges in this program and with any form of technology that is used in an inappropriate manner.

***All 6th grade students and new students entering grades 7/8 are asked to please submit both the signed AUP and Chromebook Policy the evening of Tuesday, August 30, 2016. If you are unable to attend that evening, please contact Mrs. Cinadr at 330-460-7350.**

3. Please bring a Chromebook case with you so you can safely take your Chromebook home and back and forth to school. We recommend a soft, padded neoprene cases such as the Roo Case, which can be found on Amazon. Many places now carry cases for Chromebooks and you may choose any style you prefer. The size of the case must be at least 11.6 inches and no greater than 13-15 inches.
4. **Please note one parent must be present with the student to receive the Chromebook.**
5. Insurance is optional and we will talk to you more about that the evening of the orientation.

In summary, Saint Ambrose School continually strives to provide our students with best practices in education so that we can continually stretch the boundaries of learning and critical thinking...offering our students *Everything* they need as they prepare for their dynamic futures in a global world.

Please contact Mrs. Cinadr with any questions or concerns at 330-460-7350.

Sincerely,

St. Ambrose School Technology Team

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