



St. John's

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION

Dear incoming 4th– 8th Grade St. John's Parents,

Our 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative, started five years ago, has become a hallmark of a St. John's education. It has been very successful for connecting our students to up-to-the-minute research, resources, and has made our upper grades almost paperless. To ensure consistency and that all new Chromebooks are enrolled in our school's Chromebook management system, all new Chromebooks need to be purchased through CDW-G (see below)

Here are some important features of the program:

1. All students in grades 4 and up need to purchase and maintain a Chromebook.
2. St. John's is providing a private mini-website of options from our partner CDW-G. Purchase options will be handled directly by CDW-G. The link to St. John's private, CDW-G Chromebook and Accessories Web Site is here: <http://www.cdwg.com/r.aspx?n=75502>; they offer insurance/warranty policies as well. All families are **strongly encouraged to purchase the warranty options**, as breakages can and do occur frequently. The insurance is managed by you.
3. Students are required to have SOLID CASES for their Chromebooks and to use the case to transport their computers between classes and to their homes.
4. Please make sure that you fill in St. John's address, for shipping purposes, to the attention of: ***Mrs. Jenn Myers, St. John's Episcopal School, 3427 Olney Laytonsville Road, Olney, MD, 20832***. CDW-G will ship your purchased Chromebook directly to Mrs. Myers at St. John's. This is necessary so that St. John's can properly enroll the device under our organization. See the explanation in #5, for further understanding. All new Chromebooks will be set up, charged, and ready to go on the first day of school for your student!
5. Each student who is **new** to the Chromebook program in the 2018-2019 school year, will be billed \$40 by St. John's. This will cover the purchase of the Google Administration Console -- which joins that computer to our school's Google Apps for Education domain--and Hapara, which allows students to share work with teachers through easily managed and created subject area folders.

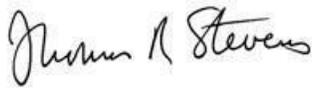
6. In the 2018-2019 school year, we will not provide loaners for children to take home if their device is broken. We will, instead, continue to provide a loaner to students during the school day while on campus. ***Loaners will not go home with the child in the evenings.*** All of our tools, from Google Apps for Education, to student folders and teacher feedback, are available on any computer at home which uses the Google Chrome Web Browser. Thus, if your child needs a computer to perform schoolwork at home, any internet-connected computer, with Chrome Browser will work fine. Please keep in mind, as always, that filtering your home Internet is your family's responsibility.

So, in a very small nutshell:

If your child is moving into 4th Grade or is *NEW* to the Upper School in the 2018-2019 school year, you will need to purchase a new Chromebook, from our mini store through CDW-G, for your child to have on the first day of the school year. You will be charged a \$40 fee for the management console, and Hapara app by us, and you will need to purchase a hard case for the Chromebook.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jenn Myers at jenn.myers@stjes.org.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas R. Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Thomas R. Stevens
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