

Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you that the Tri-Village Local School District will continue with our 1:1 District initiative in the 2019-2020 school year. We recently completed our first year of this initiative and have learned a great deal from our experience and will continue to hone our program in the coming months. The District recognizes that education, much like the world, is changing exponentially and our goal is to equip our students and staff with useful tools for learning.

To provide some background, in 2015, The Tri-Village School District began purchasing and utilizing Chromebooks for students to access digital content in the classroom. Since then, the district has purchased, received grant funding and in kind donations to add an additional 500 Chromebooks to our K-12 campus. Our staff and students continue to feel the benefits of incorporating devices in daily instruction and are continuing to grow in their learning about best practices of blending the traditional classroom with digital learning.

For these reasons and more, our 1:1 initiative has continued to evolve. Beginning in August 2018, all K-6 classrooms were equipped with at least 20 Chromebooks for instructional use and every 7-12 on campus student was assigned a Chromebook, meaning each student had access and was responsible for a Chromebook throughout the school day. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will continue the same model where only students will be using this device during school hours and collectively we will continue to evaluate the needs of students when deciding about future use outside of school.

Deployment of Chromebooks for our 7-12 students will take place upon their return in August. **However, before a student entering grade 7 or any NEW student in grades 7-12 can be assigned a District owned Chromebook, a parent or guardian must attend a 30- minute mandatory training session with their child prior to distribution.** Extensive knowledge is required in order to implement a successful 1:1 program. We have developed in depth training for parents, students and teachers. Parent and student training will range from Chromebook care to Internet Safety. Additionally, you will be able to ask questions, gather input on how to assist your child in managing this new responsibility and sign the required documents. Parent and student training dates are listed below. To jumpstart the process, updates about the 1:1 Chromebook program will be posted on our website throughout the summer. A reminder of the training dates and times will be sent home in early August. Students and parents in grades 8-12 who have already received training last year will not need to attend thus, paperwork will be sent home on the first day.

Training Dates and Times (Auditorium)

- Monday, August 12 6:00-6:30 PM
- Wednesday, August 14 7:00-7:30 PM
- Thursday, August 15 10:00-10:30 AM

Yours in education,

Josh Sagester