



Dear Saint Albert Families,

Teaching and learning today is NOT like it was 20, 10, or even 2 years ago! Technology tools have quickly become an important thread in the fabric of our daily life. Devices such as Chromebooks are more powerful, durable, lighter, and have much better battery life making it easier for students to both consume, create, and share information in all forms (*video, audio, text*) at the click of a button.

When school begins on August 23rd, all MS/HS students will need to bring some kind of learning device that can run Google apps and connects to the SA network. (*This does not include cellular devices*)

Middle School students can participate in the Chromebook Loan Program at no charge.

- Parents/students will be expected to complete the [SA Loan Agreement Form](#) (*attached*) before a device can be issued.
- Parents/students may choose to participate in the [SA Chromebook Insurance Program](#) (*attached*) in case the device is severely damaged.
- Those who choose to opt out of the SA Chromebook Loan Program must have a suitable alternative device that connects to the SA network and can run Google apps. (*This does not include cellular devices*)
- All paperwork should be turned into the Media Center and all questions should be directed there as well.

High School Students will need to bring some kind of personal learning device that is able to run Google apps and can connect to the SA network.

- Laptops are acceptable, however battery life on these larger, heavier devices can become an issue.
- Apple devices are also acceptable, however some apps that teachers use may or may not be compatible with the Chrome devices and Google apps they use to teach.

NOTE: SA Tech Support is limited to devices with Chrome operating systems and Google apps. Tech support for Apple devices will be limited.

Once all paperwork is turned in, and fees collected, your Chromebook will be issued to you through the Media Center.

Excellent Opportunity!

If you would like to purchase a Chromebook, but do not have time to review all of the mobile device options on the market, please consider this. In partnership with Trinity3, we have created the [SA Online Portal](#) (*similar to Amazon*) that allows SA families to purchase a device online (*via PayPal*). Your order will be processed and shipped to SA where it will be set up to connect to the SA network. Once it's ready, you will be notified. You can pick it up immediately, or wait until school starts.

Trinity3 will also donate \$5 to SA for each device purchased via this site.

We recognize that your investment in a quality Catholic education presents financial challenges. Fortunately, ANY Chromebook option you choose is the best "low cost/high impact" mobile learning device available.

More information regarding device care, internet safety, school policy changes, and other frequently asked questions will be brought to your attention in the coming days prior to August 23rd. Please feel free to contact the Technology Department if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Technology Department
Saint Albert Catholic Schools