

To the Parents of

- Rising 4th Graders
- New 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- Existing middle school students who need to purchase a new Chromebook

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- **DO NOT** PURCHASE A CHROMEBOOK **TABLET** OR **DETACHABLE!** THEY WILL **NOT** BE PERMITTED.
 - **AVOID** PURCHASING CHROMEBOOKS WITH **TOUCHSCREENS**, AS THEY OFTEN NEED COSTLY REPAIRS.
 - **AVOID** PURCHASING CHROMEBOOKS ADVERTISED AS **2-in-1** or **FLIP**, AS THEY OFTEN NEED REPAIRS.
 - WINDOWS & iOS LAPTOPS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED.

Chromebooks have become a major educational tool for our students and teachers and their heightened use during the pandemic has caused us to reflect on how we will continue to use them going forward. Traditionally the middle school children brought their own Chromebooks and took them back and forth. In discussion with the teachers, we have decided that it would be beneficial for 4th through 8th graders to have their own Chromebook for home and school use.

We are asking that families of incoming 4th, 5th & 6th graders and families of new middle school students purchase a **Chromebook laptop** for your child to be used for the remainder of his/her school life. On the back of this letter are the minimum requirements for Chromebooks, but we are also giving you the freedom to purchase your own model and the freedom to purchase a protection plan. It is strongly suggested that you purchase a full accidental protection plan **as you will be responsible for all repairs that may be needed.**

Please note that **only Chromebooks laptops** are permitted for use in school. **Windows & iOS Laptops are not permitted. Detachables and tablets powered by Chrome OS are not permitted.** If you have purchased a laptop or Chrome OS detachable or tablet for use in the upcoming year, please exchange it for a Chromebook laptop. **Your child will not be permitted to use anything other than a Chromebook laptop in school.**

Student Chromebooks must be used exclusively for school & managed by SVMS via enterprise enrollment. The **Chromebooks will need to be brought in before school opens to be provisioned** by the Technology Committee for use in school. **Dates will be announced during the summer.**

Please do not use the Chromebook before being provisioned for use at school as this causes many issues.

If you have purchased a new Chromebook for an existing middle-school student, the new Chromebook must be provisioned for use in school, just as the original one had been.

Please feel free to contact me at nholly@svmsnj.org or 973 377 1104 X201 if you should have any questions or concerns about this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Sr. Noreen Holly SC

SVMS CHROMEBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

2023 - 2024

For the 2023– 2024 school year, SVMS is making the following recommendations to parents purchasing Chromebooks for their students. It is our suggestion that you purchase a Chromebook that is advertised as rugged and specifically designed for students. Each student will be transporting the device from home to school and back every day. Broken Chromebooks will cause stress during the school year and interruptions with the availability of the device.

We encourage you to do your own research and make the best choice for your child and budget. Purchasing a case for the Chromebook will also be required.

- Please make sure you purchase a **CHROMEBOOK LAPTOP** and **NOT A COMPUTER LAPTOP (Windows or iOS)**.
- **DO NOT purchase a DETACHABLE OR TABLET WITH CHROME OS** as many models cannot support Enterprise Enrollment. These devices will **NOT** be permitted for use, and you will be asked to return the device and purchase one that complies with the school standards.
- **AVOID** purchasing Chromebooks with **TOUCHSCREENS**, as they often need costly repairs.
- **AVOID** purchasing Chromebooks that are **2-in-1** or **FLIP**, As they often need costly repairs.

Here are our suggestions:

Purchase a **Chromebook laptop** that runs on a minimum of **Google Chrome OS™ 96**. This is the requirement for the online NWEA tests students take throughout the school year.

If you are buying an older model or a refurbished Chromebook, please be aware that they have a limited lifespan. A Chrome device receives regular updates from Google until it reaches its **Auto Update Expiration (AUE) date**. The AUE dates for all brands and models of Chromebooks can be found on Google's Support website. A link is provided here for your convenience: <https://bit.ly/3tyERBx>

We recommend the purchase of a protection plan. Basic protection and accident protection plans are offered by most retailers. However, if you decide not to purchase a plan, SVMS has had a positive working relationship with LaptopMD for Chromebook repairs and their contact information is as follows:

LaptopMD

169 South Street

Morristown, NJ

973-434-7116

www.jerseylaptoprepair.com