

June 13, 2022

Dear Parents of Incoming 6th Graders and New 7th and 8th graders,

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 and 5th graders and families of new middle school children purchase a Chromebook 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.**

The Chromebook will need to be brought in before school opens to be provisioned by the Technology Committee for use in school. The dates are Wednesday, August 3, 2022 and Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. **Please do not use the Chromebook before being provisioned for use at school as this causes many issues.**

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

2022 - 2023

For the 2022 – 2023 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 and NOT A LAPTOP.**
- **DO NOT purchase a CHROMEBOOK TABLET as many models cannot support Enterprise Enrollment.**

Here are our suggestions:

Purchase a Chromebook that runs on a minimum of **Google Chrome OS™ 87**. 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