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Dear 6th-8th grade parents,

This coming school year marks the beginning of Trinity Lutheran School's one computer to one student program (1:1) in grades 6-8. This program will make use of Chromebook devices. Chromebooks are being used in education to provide students with the ability to access the internet through wifi.

Infusion of technology into the upper grade curriculum equips students with the knowledge, skills, and ability to use God's gift of technology in their educational and personal lives. The 1:1 Chromebook program will allow teacher to facilitate a collaborative learning environment which will foster critical thinking skills and and promote the development of self-directed, responsible lifelong learners in the light of Christian values.

To set the stage for this program Trinity Lutheran has developed a [Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#) which outlines the responsibility of the school to keep students safe online. We have upgraded both the internal wifi network to improve coverage and stability and switched internet providers to improve the speed coming into the school.

In order to achieve the goals of the 1:1 program, this fall students will be required to bring their own chromebook device to school each day. The device needs to be fully functional which includes a full size keyboard, and sufficient battery life to last a complete school day without supplemental charging. Loaner devices will be available on a limited basis and will not be permitted to go home.

Chromebooks come in many brands and sizes. I recommend an 11in or 13in model for portability. Any Chromebook may be used and can be purchased anywhere. Some refurbished devices can be found for \$120, however, the cost of a new one is about \$200. A fairly treated Chromebook will easily last 3 years. The chromebook model that I recommend is the [Asus c202](#) because of its rugged design and its internal construction allows for the components to be easily replaced. This device is \$180 via a ShopWELS vendor called Troxell (must be ordered through the school).

Chromebooks can work offline in a limited capacity, however, wifi internet access at home is strongly recommended. An orientation meeting for parents and students will be held during school open house in August to cover topics such best practices for usage, storing, transporting, cleaning, time limits and web filtering at home.

Limited funds have been made available to assist families with the purchase of a Chromebook for information about grants, or questions regarding the program please contact Mr. Wisniewski or Luke Drury (Schools Board chairman).

Michael Wisniewski, Assistant Principal
Trinity Lutheran School

Students Entering Grades 6-8

2017-2018 Chromebook Program Form

_____ We already have a Chromebook for our child.

_____ We will purchase a Chromebook for our child

_____ Please order our child the Asus model listed above. (Enclosed is our \$180 payment +\$_____ donation to the Chromebook program for families who need assistance.)

Parent's Signature_____