

St. Michael's 1:1 Computer Program for Middle School

Dear Sixth Grade Families,

Today learning happens anywhere, anytime. A personal computing device is an invaluable tool, and often vital to pursuing superior academic instruction for today's learners. In response, St. Michael's is excited to invite families of sixth graders to participate in our 1:1 laptop program. With this program, students learn how to use technology fluently, productively, and responsibly as a tool to problem-solve, communicate, create, innovate, and make global connections through authentic learning experiences.

Program Details

Device and Case:

Rising 6th graders will receive a Lenovo 300e Chromebook and Gumdrop Case.

Cost:

Families will pay for the device and case which **costs \$380**, over three years via their School account. For legal and safety reasons, the device will remain the property of St. Michael's until the student graduates. **Parent(s) will be billed \$127 on September 1st of each year**. This price includes:

Chromebook	\$270
Google Management License	\$30
GoGuardian Web Filter/Teacher Edition	\$15 yearly. (\$45 total)
Case	\$35

Digital Citizenship

Three years ago, St. Michael's became Richmond's first independent school to become a Common Sense Certified School. As part of the Middle School Approaches to Learning & Life course, students will participate in the <u>Common Sense Digital Citizenship Program</u>, contextualizing the School's DRAGONS Values in an online environment. Students will also learn how to manage such a device responsibly including transportation to/from school, charging, etc.

Safety

Students will have access to dozens of St. Michael's approved educational apps and services, including Google Apps for Education. Since the device will travel home with the student, these applications and the <u>GoGuardian security/filtering software</u> will accompany them. It will be as if the School's secure network, designed with children's safety as a priority, travels with them.

Care

We encourage you to <u>watch this video</u> with your student and discuss proper laptop care. Repairs can be costly for families. Appropriate care and maintenance will make the device last longer and operate more efficiently.

Repairs & Replacements:

Repairs and replacements will be handled as follows:

• Devices are repaired in house. Parents will be notified and charged for parts (example: screen repair \$128).

During the time a device is being repaired or replaced, a loaner device will be provided to the student.

To register for the program, please click HERE.

• Laptop pick up will be on Monday, August 30th.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please direct questions to <u>Dave Grossman</u>, Director of Technology.