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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have implemented a 1 to 1 Chromebook initiative for all St. Francis **middle school students (Grades 6-8)** beginning the 2016-2017 school year. This initiative is the culmination of much hard work, training, and preparation by school staff and parents/parishioners on our technology committee. 1 to 1 provides students the opportunity to use their Chromebook at home or away from school.

Later in this letter you will find what all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents will need to know in order to make the best purchase for their student(s) for the 2019-20 school year. We encourage those in grades K-5 to wait until their student reaches middle school to purchase their Chromebook, as the specifications may change from year to year. K-5 students will have access to Chromebook and iPad carts and computer labs.

1 to 1 technology is a valuable tool in the hands of teachers and students. Statistics show that this initiative, and the resources provided will help ensure our students are high school, college and career ready.

After researching many options, attending 1 to 1 conferences, and working with our AEA (Area Education Agency), the following is the recommendation for families to obtain Chromebooks for their student(s).

Parents purchase the computer for their student(s), following the guidelines from our specs below.

Specifications:

- Chromebook
- 11-14 inch screen
- 16 GB of Internal Storage (Hard Drive)
- no less than 4 GB RAM
- 8 or more hour battery life
- Wireless: 802.11 AC capable
- USB-C Charging Cable (Universal Charging Cable)
- HDMI output is optional, but nice to have for presentations
- *A case is not mandatory, but highly suggested for protection from damage.*

Families own their computer and are in charge of it's care taking. Students will be expected to have their computer with them daily for class. Properly equipped Chromebooks generally cost between \$200-\$400.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email jaldrich@saintfrancisschool.org or call me at 515-457-7167.

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and the Technology Committee for St. Francis School