

Dear Parents of Grades 5-8,

We are pleased to announce that we are expanding our Educational Technology Chromebook initiative which will now service grades 5-8. Last year this program was successfully implemented with our 8th graders. They used interactive tools and program apps along with best practices that enhanced their learning experience. This was evident in areas such as an increase in student engagement, differentiated instruction, creative output from our students, and increased communication and support between teachers and students. We are excited to begin this program in order to learn and explore together. To help this program succeed we need your partnership. As such, we are beginning our initiative by communicating with you.

This high valued touch screen educational Chromebook is a fully WiFi capable device and can connect to the internet both at school and at home. YCQ has taken extra steps to provide the students with a monitored safe internet experience which promotes proper digital citizenship. The students will be receiving proper training in how to optimally use and care for their devices and how to be responsible online.

As always, we provide our students with the most up to date learning resources with sensitivity toward expenses. The subsidized parent fee is \$125 per year per device. This includes the device, warranties for breakage, and all necessary software and support. This device will be turned in at the end of the school year for service and the same device will be returned to your child the following September.

- Students in 5th grader who lease the device for four years will be granted ownership at the end of 8th grade.
- Students in 6th grade who lease their device for three years will be granted ownership at the end of 8th grade with \$75 buyout fee.
- Students in 7th grade who lease their device for two years will be granted ownership at the end of 8th grade with \$200 buyout fee.
- This year's 8th grade will lease the device with no buyout option and must return it at the end of the year.

Payment can be submitted via PayPal on our website at <https://ycqweb.com/form/chromebook-leasing/>, or in person during distribution. The Chromebooks will be available for pickup at our back to school Parent Student Orientation on either September 2nd or 3rd.

Alternatively, students have an option of bringing their own Chromebook device to school. YCQ will program the device to work within our network but we will be unable to provide warranties and service.

We are looking forward to successfully preparing our students with fluent skills for today's rapidly changing world. We are looking forward as well to your partnership throughout this year of innovation.

Thank you,

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