

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

As part of our middle school program, students use their own Chromebook as a tool for learning in the classroom. Chromebooks are notebook style computers that are web-based and designed to use their Google Apps for Education accounts to accomplish much of their daily work.

If your child is going into 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they will need to have a Chromebook by the first day of school. You will need to purchase a Chromebook if they do not yet have one. We are not limiting the brand of Chromebook, although we are recommending purchasing the Acer Chromebook or the HP Chromebook – Education Edition. We try to keep some spare parts like extra screens on hand here at school for the Acer and HP Chromebooks. The Chromebook needs to have at least **4GB of RAM and 16 GB SSD**, and our **main requirement is that the screen is not bigger than 11.6 inches**. The larger Chromebook is too big to use on our desks and tables in the classroom. You can purchase a Chromebook on Amazon or at most local Staples, Office Depot, or other similar stores. They should be around \$200. Many of the Chromebooks now come with a touchscreen, but we would suggest avoiding this option. This is mainly due to the fact that they do not really need it, and the primary item that breaks on the Chromebook is the screen. A regular replacement screen is around \$40, but a touchscreen is around \$100. We also recommend getting a case or hard cover for the Chromebook.

**Please do not purchase a laptop. Students are not allowed to use laptops at school. They must have a Chromebook!**

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Blessings,  
Christy Wood