



June 19, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are planning for our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade learners as they enter the 2024-2025 school year. As we prepare all learners for the challenges of high school, college, and future careers, we believe it is necessary to augment our dynamic learning environment as we support creativity, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, digital citizenship, and technological skills.

In an effort to move learners toward these outcomes, Saint Elizabeth School will continue our 1-to-1 digital learning environment for grades 5-8. Specifically, this means that every learner in Grades 5-8 receives a Chromebook for his/her use throughout their school day and educationally at home. Chromebooks are a personal computer designed for use while connected to the Internet and supports applications that reside on the Web. These devices operate using a Chrome Operating System that has multiple layers of security, cloud storage, and the most popular Google products, such as Google Docs and Drive.

Every 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade learner will receive:

- an ASUS CR1100 Chromebook
- an ASUS AC 2-piece Charger
- a Chromebook protective sleeve with zippers and strap

**The Chromebook is valued at \$350, the great news is that thanks to our CPTA, and efforts to augment the school's operating budget, Saint Elizabeth School will fully fund this purchase. We do ask that each learner in our 1:1 initiative pay an annual \$100 user fee to cover maintenance and support of this program. This fee is applied to your family Sycamore account.**

During back-to-school events in August, learners will receive the Chromebook, power cord, and storage sleeve along with a set of expectations and guidelines for their use and care. Teachers will vary in their expectations for Chromebook use, but your child will be using this tool for instruction, assignments, projects, research, and assessment throughout the day. Then, at home for enrichment, further assignments, and completion of activities.

We propose to meet our Diocesan Content Standards enthusiastically by raising the expectation for each learner to use technology and digital media, strategically, responsibly, and capably. We have an obligation to direct, develop, and utilize the technological fluency that learners bring to us; and to infuse technology into the curriculum through engagement in authentic work. We also have an obligation to create an environment in which we can develop independent, lifelong learners. The integration of this technology will prove very beneficial to learners and afford them the opportunity for exposure to a learning environment that is conducive to creativity, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and exposure to a wide array of educational resources during their time in school and well beyond the traditional school day.

Additional information and forms are available on the school website at [http://bit.ly/STE\\_Tech](http://bit.ly/STE_Tech). Please look for further updates as the summer progresses. As always, we thank you in advance for your support of the educational opportunities at Saint Elizabeth School as we continually strive to transform the learning environment for all our community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Riley

Principal

Saint Elizabeth School

