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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

on the Frank J. Bommarito Campus

## Technology & Chromebooks 2018-2019

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Students and Parents,

During the 2013-2014 school year, St. Mary's introduced a One to One Device Program which put a Google Chromebook in the hands of every student. Each student now has his own technological device to use in his classes and to take home to complete his school work. The Chromebook is essentially a small laptop that uses the Google Chrome Web Browser to access Google Applications, which the entire school community has been using the past few years.

St. Mary's has found the Chromebook to be the most efficient and affordable option for our school. **Due to compatibility, security and management issues, ALL students are required to purchase a Chromebook through St. Mary's for the 2018-2019 school year.** The base cost of the Chromebook will be added to each student's account as a Technology fee. The fee is \$325. This fee includes the cost of the Chromebook, licensing, a 3-year accident plan and a Chromebook case. Freshmen will receive their Chromebooks during Freshmen Orientation.

The capabilities of the Chromebook include, but are not limited to: 8.5 hours of battery life, webcam, wireless internet, Bluetooth compatible, a USB 2.0 & 3.0 Port, and an HDMI Port. Students will be using the Chromebooks for online textbooks, note taking, online research, emailing, creating documents, spreadsheets, presentations, picture editing and using a wide variety of Google Apps for Education in the classroom. Although the Chromebook is meant to be used in an online platform, it does have some off-line capabilities and internal storage.

In order for this One to One Program to be successful:

- St. Mary's will **require** all students to have a case for their Chromebook, freshmen and transfer students will receive their case with their Chromebook.
- Students and families will be responsible for the well-being of the Chromebook and will be financially responsible for any damages not covered by the warranty or replacements at full price.

We are very excited to continue and grow with our One to One Chromebook Program and believe it will not only put technology at the fingertips of our students, but it will enhance both their breadth of knowledge surrounding professional use of technology and enhance their classroom experience.

Thank you.

St. Mary's High School Administration Team

