Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to roll out a 1:1 technology initiative for our 9th - 12th graders for the 2019-20 school year. During the fall of 2017, Otsego voters supported the request to bring this opportunity to our students and we are very thankful. Last year we rolled out the initiative to students in 6th - 8th grades.

At OHS, students will be assigned a Chromebook they can take home. This Chromebook will be assigned to them throughout their high school years. This is a large responsibility but we will help prepare them and families for how to properly care for their devices.

We will be holding parent meetings on June 12th and June 13th at 6pm at the OHS media center. We will also host a meeting on August 13th at the middle school auditorium. During these meetings, the Director of Technology will discuss the guidelines, expectations and handbook details for this new device. We also plan to answer any questions parents might have about the implementation. We will also offer meetings specifically to students to go over all of these same details at the start of the school year.

In order for your student to receive his/her Chromebook during the first week of school, a parent/guardian must have attended one of these meetings in June or August OR have watched an online video containing the same details as the face-to-face meetings. After attending a meeting or watching the video, you will be asked to sign an agreement that you understand the responsibility upon the student and family, then decide whether to decline the insurance we offer or accept and pay the insurance fee. Once the necessary paperwork is complete, your child will receive their chromebook. The insurance fee is $25 per student. For students who qualify for reduced lunch, the fee is $15 and $10 if you qualify for free lunch. There is a family cap of $50.

We hope to see you in person in June or August, but if it does not work with your schedule, you can access the video online at https://tinyurl.com/OPS1to1ParentMeeting. If you attended a meeting last year, it’s the same information. Parents/Guardians are required to sign the parent agreement and pay for (or decline) the insurance each year. You can view and sign the Parent/Guardian Agreement online at https://tinyurl.com/OPS1to1Agreement. If you wish to purchase the insurance online, you will be given the link after you submit the Parent/Guardian agreement.

If you have questions once you have watched the video, please contact Michelle Triemstra, our Director of Technology at 269-694-7921 or at mtriemstra@otsegops.org.

Thank you,

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