



***Welcome Falcon Families!*** It is our goal to provide a rigorous and personalized learning environment for all of our students. We are proud to deliver the of the highest quality of instruction, the variety of extracurricular activities available to all our students, and the integration of technology in the form of a 1:1 Chromebook initiative. It is not only our goal to help students become accustomed to using technology to enhance their learning but also to tie it in with our core values, Learn, Believe, Soar in order to enhance the learning community in which they are a member.

After research, and input from teachers, we felt that the Chromebook was the best device to meet the goal of engaged, authentic learning and to prepare students for high school, and life after high school. We feel that students need six key skills: Critical Thinking, Research, Collaboration, Adaptability, Communication and Presentation. The Chromebook, with its deep ties to Google Apps for Education, online assessment compatibility, ease of management, and overall cost was the clear choice.

Students in grades 7-8 will begin to take the device home after the first quarter, unless directed by the teacher, and students in grades 5-6 will take their device home on occasion. Your student will be responsible for caring for the device, for taking it to each class at school, as well as taking it home at night. It is understood that your child will make responsible decisions regarding the safe use and care of the Chromebook.

The Chromebook will be used in a variety of ways in the classroom. The focus is to provide students with multiple opportunities to engage in learning, research, and collaboration. Students will enroll in their teachers' Canvas online content. The student will have access to lesson resources, assignments, and ongoing support materials.

The student will experience a balance of traditional and online methods of learning. Our teachers will utilize the best instructional strategies for each child - whether it is paper/pencil, digital, hands-on, or any blend of strategies. They may research and respond to questions, access online textbooks, collaborate on a document or presentation with other classmates, or create something new with one of the apps available to them. Students will use their Google Apps for Education account to access apps and create documents in Google Drive. Unfinished and finished work can be accessed in Google Drive from any device using the student login.

If you would like more support with the technology available to you and your student, please contact me. I am always available and happy to help you in any way we can, be it via email, phone conference or in person.