



# chromebook

## ONE TO ONE INITIATIVE

### Google at St. Francis

St. Francis staff have been excited about the learning possibilities that Google Suite has afforded our students. These professional learning experiences have led to the school wide decision to continue to move forward with:

- Google Suite of Apps
- St. Francis Junior High Accepted Device Protocol

### Acceptable Devices

Although many students have iPods, iPhones, and Android phones; they may not meet the necessary requirements as an accepted learning device. We also recognize that not all parents can or want to send their child to school with a device. Teachers will continue to plan assuming that not every student will bring a personally owned accepted device to school but we are moving toward having less of an ecological footprint. As always school owned devices will be available for students to use while at school on a limited basis.



## One to One

Education today requires students to have a readiness to thrive in a complex, global high tech society. The introduction of a one to one program in Alberta has shown student growth in a number of areas including; technology literacy, independent learning, increased collaboration and engagement in deeper learning. With the introduction of a one to one Chromebook program, students will have more opportunities to take part in critical thinking activities, communication and ethical use activities.

In order to proceed with a one to one program in the most effective way, there is a need to have students with the technology 'in hand' in every classroom. We are encouraging parents at St. Francis to consider the purchase of an accepted device for their child for the 2018/19 school year. We have made strides last year, our current goal is to have 60% of our students bringing their own accepted learning device by the start of the 2018 school year.

### Why a Chromebook?

When considering a one to one initiative, the goal would be to supply students with a device that is affordable (under \$300.00), robust and can easily be managed by our IT department. A



### Acceptable devices

You may want to provide a different device rather than a Chromebook. Other acceptable devices include:

- Tablet with 9.7" screen (minimum). *Ex: Apple iPad 2-4, Air, Pro, Samsung Galaxy, HTC Nexus, Acer Iconia, etc...*
- Laptop with Apple OS or Windows OS. *Ex: Apple, Samsung, Acer, Sony, Windows, Lenovo etc...*

As long as it meets the screen requirement, has good battery life and the ability to run Google Suite for education. *Note: Phones do not meet requirements.*

### HP Chromebook 11 G5

We have selected the HP Chromebook 11 G5 for the purchase plan program. The HP Chromebook 11 G5 is small and light and students will not mind bringing it with them everywhere they go. With over 8 hours of battery life, the Chromebook can safely make it through the school day on a single charge. Along with a low cost waterproof case, the machine is safely transported and protected.

Chromebook meets all these needs sufficiently compared to other products. Our infrastructure is in place to handle the number of Chromebooks on the system.

### Purchasing your own Chromebook

If parents choose to purchase a Chromebook, the student will manage it completely. With a personal device the student will have access to download necessary apps to complete course work and the student will be responsible for all other aspects of the computer.

### School Purchase Plan

Parents can choose a purchase plan option through the school which can then be charged through School Cash Online. The advantage to purchasing through the school is that if a Chromebook needs servicing or warranty work, our tech department will look after it. The purchase plan option also allows you to spread the payments out to make it more affordable.

School Purchase Plan Advantages	School Purchase Plan Disadvantages
District security and firewall services that will protect the computer against viruses and other spam software?	Students will not have full control over what can be downloaded on the chromebook.
If the machine is lost or stolen our team has the ability to track within our district and/or shut it down.	Students will not have a choice on what chromebook they want to purchase.
Our team will support and fix the device for one school year. (One replacement of any screen, touchpad, keyboard or hard drive.)	

### Price

Chromebook \$290.00 includes GST. Orders for the start of 2018 school year must be in by August 29, 2018. Students will be able to pick it up at the office the first week of classes. Payment options include: 1 full payment \$290.00 when placing order or 2 equal payments (order and February) \$145.00. If interested in reserving yours for Sept please complete this [request form](#) before July 13.