

Dear Parents,

I am excited to announce Chesapeake Math and IT Academy High School's plan to shift to a one-to-one Chromebook program in our brand new building for the 2017-2018 School Year. With the support of the Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation, we have the opportunity to extend our students' learning experience in and out of the school building.

Currently, we are using Google Classroom and a variety of online learning platforms at our school with the Chromebooks or iPads assigned to classrooms. The Google Classroom and online learning platforms provide students with engaging, interactive and collaborative learning experiences designed to promote critical thinking and skill development for all students. We would like for students to be able to seamlessly access this powerful learning system everywhere. The school has invested resources in network, bandwidth, hardware, and professional development to successfully implement Google Classroom in our classrooms.

In order for students to easily continue their learning at home, we have negotiated a special purchase of Lenovo Touchscreen Chromebooks that we can offer to students below cost. These Chromebooks will be configured to work with the school's secure network and to be used outside of school.

To ensure the success of our online learning initiative, we developed a solution that we believe is affordable. We are asking families to purchase one of these brand new Chromebooks for their students for **\$135**, which is **below its market price of \$190**. The students would then own the Chromebook and be able to use it both in school and at home.

In order for this program to be effective both for students and teachers it is imperative that all students have their own devices at the beginning of the school year. For any family that would like a Chromebook but needs additional time to pay, we would be happy to set up a payment plan.

We will have the Chromebooks available for purchase starting Monday, August 22nd. Please make your check or money order payable to CMIT Academy. If you are interested in setting up a payment plan, please contact our secretary, Ms. Adams, at secretary@cmitacademy.org.

I would be happy to talk with anyone who would like more information about our one-to-one Chromebook initiative. Please contact me at mgunes@cmitacademy.org.

I am grateful for the support of our parents that have allowed CMIT Academy to take this leading role in bringing latest learning technology to our students.

Sincerely,

Mehmet Gunes

Principal

Some Benefits of the One-to-One Chromebook Program:

- Increase instructional time by reducing time spent on distributing and collecting Chromebooks
- Increase engagement by providing a new way to teach, learn, and connect
- Reach students on the platforms they are already using wherever they go
- Optimize learning by leveraging the strengths of both in-classroom and online content
- Enhance teachers' ability to focus on instruction and student achievement by reducing time spent on copying and grading assignments
- Receive immediate feedback from online assessments. Online programs provide feedback as well as further instruction and practice in areas where students are struggling
- Expand opportunities for students to complete assignments during non-instructional times of the day
- Optional parental control feature for home usage
- Prevent issues with lost assignments & homework
- Promote effective use of technology, increase teacher productivity and engage students