



July 15, 2019

New 8th Grade Parents & Guardians:

This summer, **OLD VAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL** received NEW Chromebooks from the district for our 8th grade students. Many of you may be familiar with the 1:1 student experience that our high school students participate in because our district has been offering this to their high school students for the past fourteen years.

Why start this program in the 8th grade?

- Three main reasons...
 - The desire to get our middle school students acclimated to using their devices in an educational setting prior to high school.
 - There are many devices being turned in from high school students each year and this middle school experience offers an opportunity to repurpose the devices.
 - The district is moving formative assessments online this year. OVMS needs these devices to help with the implementation of online testing.

What kind of device will my child receive?

- Your child will receive a **BRAND NEW** Lenovo Chromebook!

Can my student bring their own device to OVMS?

- Due to compatibility and internet safety issues with the devices moving back and forth between home and school, the middle schools are **not** allowing the BYOD (“Bring Your Own Device”) program that we have seen implemented at the high schools.

What are the next steps for my student?

- Before 8th grade students receive their Chromebooks they will complete a Schoology course. This course will cover: the AUP (Acceptable Use Policy), Chromebook care, digital citizenship, and internet safety. This will be completed during the student’s advisory base period at school. Your student will not be allowed to take their device home until they have completed the course.

Important Dates:

- Thursday, July 18th, 2019
 - 8th Grade 1:1 Chromebook Information Meeting - 6pm
 - Informational meeting... and insurance fees can be accepted at this meeting!

- Week of July 15th
 - Students will be able to pay for insurance and turn in necessary paperwork.

- Monday, July 22nd, 2019
 - **CHROMEBOOK ROLL OUT!**
 - 8th grade students will have Chromebooks checked out to them - carrying them around all day and taking the devices home.
 - All required paperwork and payment must be turned in prior to students taking their device home with them.
 - AUP - Acceptable Use Policy - *If not already submitted through the online registration program.*
 - Self-Insurance Policy - *Acceptance or denial of insurance.*
 - Schoology Course final exam
 - \$50 Device Insurance Payment - *Checks made out to Old Vail Middle School.*

If you have any questions, contact Elaine Murphy (OVMS Site Technology Coordinator) at murphye@vailschooldistrict.org or 520-879-2407.

Sincerely,

Michael Fester
Principal

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