



MOTHER D'YOUVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL REQUIRES FEEDBACK REGARDING A MOVE TOWARD BYOD IN OUR GRADE 7-9 CLASSROOMS THIS SEPTEMBER.

BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

The reality is that web-based tools and resources have changed the landscape of learning. Students now have at their fingertips unlimited access to digital content, resources, experts, databases and communities of interest. By effectively leveraging such resources, schools not only have the opportunity to deepen student learning, but they can also develop digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in students that will prepare them for the high tech world in which they will live, learn and work.

A device in the hands of every student through a BYOD model could extend and enrich learning by shifting instruction towards more student-centered learning, where inquiry and authentic learning are emphasized.

At MDY, we are blessed to have 4 chromebook carts with 30 chromebooks in each cart for junior high. These technologies are limited and do expire. In addition, the use or practice of sharing technology will be minimal during the extra health measures for the 2021-22 school year and going forward.

We are seeking your feedback. As a school team, we envisioned a team approach to using our technology. If we have a large population of families who are interested in pursuing the BYOD policy at our school (bringing chromebooks from home that will remain in the students backpack and only used by the owner), we can utilize the remaining chromebooks to loan to students who are unable to purchase or do not already have access to a personally owned chromebook. We would be able to divide the school owned chromebooks to be used individually (one chromebook assigned to only one student, however, the school owned chromebook would remain at school).

POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- Reducing high touch items in the school setting.
- Increased access to technology to support student learning in return to normal learning in September 2021.
- Enriched student learning and engagement.

NEGATIVE OUTCOMES

- If we have more than 120 junior high students who cannot bring their own device in grades 7-9, the school would not be able to support all students.
- Students are utilizing family owned technology more and the potential for damage increases as it travels to and from school in a child's backpack. The school would **not** be

responsible for any lost or damaged chromebooks in the use or transportation of the device.

- Parents with more than one child in grade 7-9 would need to consider purchasing more than one chromebook or work with the school to establish family only sharing procedures which could be challenging.

A short survey will be sent home to parents in August to determine how many families are interested in supplying their grade 7-9 child with their own device at school (cell phones and iPads are not as effective or as affordable as low cost chromebooks - starting at approximately \$250 new). Once we are aware of how many students will be coming to school on a daily basis with devices, we will be able to determine if we can distribute the school owned devices to classrooms to cover those who cannot. We do work closely with Staples, who can provide pricing and payment plan options to suit your needs. Further information from Staples will be provided at a later date.

We would like to thank you as we journey into a new future for learning with our students and we are also very excited about being together again soon.

God bless and stay safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Jordan Robinson
Principal



Dear Parent/ Guardian/Students,

Mother d'Youville School does have a limited number of Chromebooks for student rental should families requiring financial support need this option. Please note that this rental will be provided based on the financial needs of our families. A fee of \$50 per school year will be charged to cover the cost of normal wear and tear, upgrades and the purchase of new rentals.

Students will be issued the same computer each day with a specific identification number. If any repairs required, due to new damage, exceeds \$50/year, the renter will be responsible for paying the balance of the repair bill. If the computer is lost or stolen, the replacement cost will be \$300. Students may use this computer during the school day but they are not to be taken home. It is understood that the student will always adhere to the guidelines stated in the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and that the agreement has been signed prior to rentals being provided:

- JH students will pick up the chromebook from the learning commons each morning and return it to the same location at the end of the school day. It is expected that students will arrive and depart classes at the regularly scheduled time. Computers must be signed out between 8:30am and 8:40 am and should be returned before 3:15 pm to reduce classroom disruptions.

For any operational issues or concerns, please contact Mme Jerri or Mrs. Leanne

Please read and complete the form below and return to the office. Chromebooks will not be distributed for rental until a rental agreement and payment or payment plan has been established by the parent/guardian.

 I have read the above computer rental conditions and understand and accept them in their entirety.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature:

Date: _____

\$50 Fee
 Payment made via: School Cash, Cash, Cheque
 Office Use Only:
 Serial Number: _____ Computer Returned in good working condition: Y or N



bring
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device



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Research indicates that using technology in the school setting results in students who are more active, engaged and more likely to take pride and ownership in their learning. Regular technology use will increase self-advocacy skills including seeking assistance, conducting research, problem solving, and communication. Student confidence will grow as they rely less on the teacher and more on their own initiative for knowledge-creation.

BCOM Computer Centre is proud to partner with the STAR Catholic School Division to provide quality Chromebooks designed for the K-12 environment, with preferential discounting, to the students enrolled within the Division. To help you in this process we have put together an easy to navigate website:

**BCOM's Educational Portal is located at: www.b-com.ca/educationportal/
Your School Access Code is: **65164984****

New Users:

Please click on: **New User? Click here to register.** You will be prompted to enter the School Access Code (**65164984**), your name & email address, and a Username and a Password of your choice. After you have registered, please log-in with your newly created account (Username & Password).

Please note that current demand is exceptionally high which has led to a world-wide constraint in supply. To mitigate this, BCOM is accepting pre-orders with no payment and no deposit required. You can place a pre-order for your preferred Chromebook, and reserve your spot in line for the next available shipments. **Payment is only processed when the device(s) ship to you from BCOM Computer Centre in Edmonton.**

You may also visit us at our retail store location:

BCOM Computer Centre - 15051-118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T5V 1H9 - 780.481.8855

Lenovo 100e	Lenovo 300e	Acer 311	Lenovo 14e
Accessories		Extended Warranties	



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to advise you that Staples has been selected to participate with Star Catholic School Division for the new 2021-2022 school year.

The items selected from Staples have been recommended by the school and the School Board IT specialists.

The value of having the right partner to deliver high-quality products and customer service is important to the school, the district, and to all the students and their families. We are proud to partner with you to provide a total solution.

The Staples BYOD Program offers:

- Staples Educational EasyCare Plan which provides replacement guarantees for all defective units, including units accidentally damaged
- Exclusive pricing on software purchase requirements
- Competitive pricing
- Several kit options to offer choices for all families
- Hardware tutorials for students and parents
- In-store products and technical support
- Financing available, including interest-free payment plans; OAC
- Air Miles with purchases

*All hardware options are subject to availability, and may change without notice.

The following locations are conveniently located to assist you:

Location:

Phone:

E-Mail:

GM:

Leduc:
5305 Discovery
Way

780-980-4336
ext 642

s274mgr@busdep.
com

Robert.Fedechko@
Staples.ca

Simply take this letter to the Staples store of your choice to receive efficient, personal service from our knowledgeable associates.

Great reasons to shop with Staples:

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- Experience with numerous schools/districts
- 25 years of retail success

Complete Break/Fix Service

- Service and repair of most major brands
- Priority service and support options

Customer-Focused

- Open 7 days a week in all major cities
- Multilingual associates at most stores
- Tutorials available for students and parents

Hardware Replacement Guarantee

- Available 2-year policy with over-the-counter replacement guarantee for defective or damaged units

Option 1:



CP511-2HT-C45L

11.6-inch LED touch screen display with 1366 x 768 screen resolution
 1.10 GHz Intel Celeron N4020 processor (4 M cache)
 4 GB LPDDR4 RAM system memory
 32 GB eMMC storage
 Ports: 2 x USB-C, Kensington lock slot, 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 port
 Item number: 2982146

Item may not be exactly as shown.

Option 2:



82KN0003CF

14.0-inch HD Chromebook 1366 x 768 screen resolution
 1.6 GHz Mediatek MT8183 Processor
 4GB LPDDR4x RAM System Memory
 64 GB eMMC storage
 1 x USB 2.0 Type C, 1 x USB 2.0 Type A Gen 1,
 1 x micro SD Card Reader, 1 x Audio Combo Jack
 ARM Mali-G72 MP3 Graphics
 Item number: 3004209

Item may not be exactly as shown.

6- and 12-month interest-free financing options available with any purchase at Staples. OAC. Ask an associate for details.

Satisfaction Guarantee:

Staples will issue a full refund on complete bundles for 15 days from time of purchase. Defective items may be exchanged upon presentation of your payment confirmation and Staples ECP documentation.

* do to the ever changing environment the prices may be different than posted.

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