

Starting in middle school CCS students will participate in our Bring-Your-Own-Device program. Normally, my recommendation on what devices to buy comes closer to the summer as that is typically the best time to purchase. However due to the international chip shortage, I am recommending that all families begin purchasing devices as soon as possible. For the BYOD program I recommend the following:

Chromebooks are the most economical option. I'd recommend budgeting around \$250 for a decent chromebook purchase. Windows and Apple laptops are more expensive, but have access to more programs and apps.

Specs:

Chromebooks:

4gb of RAM

32gb of local storage

Windows Laptops (budget of \$400-\$800):

i3 or Ryzen 3 processor

SSD or eMMC storage of at least 128gb. IMPORTANT: Do NOT buy a new laptop with an "HDD". Make sure the specs say SSD or eMMC.

8gb of RAM

Apple laptops:

Any Mac purchased within the last 3 years should be adequate for school purposes. Because of their high cost, I do not recommend a new purchase of a Mac when much less expensive devices will fulfill school needs.

If you have any questions about a specific device that you are considering or may already have please do not hesitate to email me (m.seibert@cvillecatholic.org). I am not including any specific product recommendations in this email since they change hourly.

Have a great day!

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