



# Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic School

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Dear Rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

The past five years, Mary Queen middle school students have successfully utilized iPads as a learning tool in the classroom. Students have been using the iPad for assignments, projects, research and assessments. Our teachers have participated in trainings that foster the integration of technology into the classroom and nurture powerful new methods of classroom instruction that support problem solving and collaboration between students. Until now, the iPad has been a great tool for our students and teachers but the cost is becoming prohibitive for many of our families. When we first adopted iPads into our environment, Lexington Catholic High School would accept iPads as the device students could use, the iPad is no longer accepted at the high school but the Chromebook will be accepted. We are now using Google Classroom as our platform for student work and although it is working with the iPad, Chromebooks come with built in access to Google Classroom and other educational apps. Because of this, we have decided to make the move to Chromebooks as the device our students will use starting with the 2018-2019 school year.

Students who currently own and are using iPads, will continue to use iPads. We are not asking anyone to purchase another device if you have an iPad to use. However, if you are new to Mary Queen or if for some reason you need to purchase a new device, we are asking you to purchase a Chromebook. Below are the some more specific details on the Chromebooks minimum specifications the students will need for success in the classroom.

Chromebook Specifications:

4 GB of memory  
16 GB of storage  
1.6 GHz CPU speed  
11.6 in screen size (this is standard size and will be fine)

We are excited about the update and are looking forward to a great school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,  
Ms. Brown