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Parents and families of OCMS,

In our continuing efforts to expand opportunities for student learning through the use of technology, OCMS successfully introduced a program last school year to allow students to bring their own internet-ready Chromebook device to school. This device was used within specific classes and/or for identified projects. This allowed our students even more access to internet-based learning resources in the classroom as well as at home.

Due to its success, we will be continuing this VOLUNTARY program for the 2019-2020 school year. In order to ensure that learning remains our focus, we have created a set of guidelines for the use of personal Chromebooks at OCMS. Carefully read the guidelines and the attached Chromebook Device Agreement, provide signatures, and return the Agreement to school.

In an effort to provide you with direction, we have partnered with Best Buy to give you a few options that we feel are suitable and acceptable Chromebook versions for purchase and use at OCMS. This information can be found on the back side of this letter. However, it is important to note that parents are NOT required to purchase through Best Buy.

In order to protect your investment, since the device will be moving throughout the school seven periods a day, the school is requiring some type of carrying case or protective case for your device. Backpacks are still prohibited during the school day, but a briefcase-style carrying case or messenger bag-style case will be allowed.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education!

God bless,

Sara Guth – Principal OCMS