



for Young Men

Office of the Principal

MONSIGNOR **BONNER** & ARCHBISHOP **PRENDERGAST**
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



for Young Women

July 18, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you had an enjoyable and safe 4th of July holiday and you are staying cool in our many heat waves! As communicated in the June 23rd letter, this coming school year will be one of further increased utilization of technology. Our sophomore, junior and senior students will be permitted to “Bring Your Own Technology.” The BYOT will permit students to utilize laptops, netbooks or tablet (iPad or similar technology) devices throughout the day. This access will allow students to connect to a vast pool of resources and content which will assist in the learning process.

Below you will find a point by point description to further answer any questions. Attached you will find information about purchasing products through Bonner & Prendie as well as discounted equipment through *CDW-G*. Also, you will find the recommended specifications if you plan to purchase equipment on your own.

Highlights:

- The program is not mandatory; however, increased utilization of technology will be greatly encouraged by students, faculty, staff, and administration. The technology fee is a mandatory fee to assist with maintaining the upgraded infrastructure for the overall program;
- Sophomore/Junior/Senior students will be permitted to carry and utilize a laptop, netbook or tablet device (iPad or similar device);
- Students will have access to the school’s wireless network for academic use throughout the day;
- Devices must be registered with the technology department prior to use within the buildings. Individual days will be designate prior to the opening of school to complete this process;
- The technology policy and agreement form, as it relates to the BYOT program, will be posted on the Bonner & Prendie 1:1 Wiki on August 1st for review;
- Technology should remain in lockers during lunch periods;
- Lockers are to remain locked at all times. Students are not to share locker combinations with other students, this will jeopardize the safety and security of all personal belongings;
- Troubleshooting will be provided on a limited basis by the Technology Director and members of the *Student Technology Assistance Team (S.T.A.T.)*
- Printing will take place at home or via the traditional computer labs, with proper adult supervision;



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- Devices will be permitted to be added at any point during the school year but must be registered with the Technology Director prior to being permitted for use in school;
- Students will be required to carry their device in a backpack during the change of class. A backpack with a built-in laptop sleeve or a traditional backpack with a laptop neoprene protective sleeve are recommended;
- Students are responsible to save their documents and projects via their hard drive or external flash drive;
- Students are responsible for laptops, netbooks or tablet devices. Bonner & Prendergast is not responsible for damaged or lost equipment. Parents are recommended to review their insurance policy for proper and appropriate coverage for the device.

If you are considering the purchase of a device, in no way are you expected to purchase the device through Bonner & Prendie. We do not profit by having equipment purchased through the school. The best advice would be to also look at *Best Buy, Staples, Office Depot, H.H. Greg, and Micro Center* in Radnor, many of these stores allow for options to finance purchases. If you plan to purchase a device through one of the aforementioned retailers, it is recommended the device has a minimum of the following configuration:

2.0 GHz Dual Core Processor
160 GB Hard Drive
WiFi (Wireless) Capable
Office 2007 standard edition
Antivirus program
3 year minimum protection plan

Prior to the beginning of the school year we will provide days when these devices will be able to be registered with our Technology Director and set up access to the wireless system.

We look forward to moving forward together in this journey of increased utilization of technology!

Sincerely,

William E. Brannick
Principal

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