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Dear CAA Families,

Wow! Can you believe it is almost August? As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, we ask that you take a few minutes to review the technology requirements for CAA Students. Electronic devices are an integral part of life. Learning to balance technology use in our life is an important life skill we seek to develop in all our students.

We use a variety of technology-based tools and applications to enhance learning at CAA and while students will not be on their computers all day long, we do ask that students **come to school** every day with a fully charged **laptop computer** and **power cord** in their backpacks. Our laptop sharing program has very limited availability so please consider purchasing a laptop computer if your student does not already have one.

When purchasing a laptop for your student, we recommend watching for the [latest sales at Costco](#). They currently have laptops that meet our recommendation of **12GB of RAM** memory with a **256GB hard drive** for under \$500. If your student owns a Chromebook, they are welcome to continue using it, but we do not recommend purchasing Chromebooks as they are not capable of running some of the more advanced applications students are asked to use in high school. Likewise, tablets or iPads also have similar limitations that limit their capabilities.

Students may use a **Windows** or **Mac**-based laptop and do not need to purchase additional software. Every student at CAA receives full access to the Microsoft suite of applications. During orientation, on their first day of school, students will receive their credentials and instructions for accessing their applications. These credentials will also allow them to download software on desktop computers at home should that be necessary.

If you have any questions, feel free to email [gene.heinrich@caaschool.org](mailto:gene.heinrich@caaschool.org) or give us a call at 360-687-3161.

Thank you,

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