February 13, 2026

Dear CAA Families,

As you begin planning your student's transition to high school we ask that you take a few minutes to review the 2026-2027 technology requirements for CAA students so your student will be equipped and ready when school starts in August.

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.

If purchasing a laptop for your student, we recommend considering the latest sales at Costco. They regulalry have laptops that meet our recommendation of **16GB of RAM** memory with a **512GB 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. **iPads or tablets are not acceptable** devices due to their limited capability to operate some of our more advanced applications and the inability to block social media access while at school.

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 these applications. Their 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 or give us a me at 360-687-3161.

Thank you,

Gene Heinrich