Welcome to CAA

We are excited your student will be joining the Columbia Adventist Academy family for the 2022-2023 school year. Technology is an integral part of life and 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. We also offer a laptop-sharing program for students who have a desktop computer at home and we have laptops that can be rented for students that do not have a computer at home. Please see the attached rental agreement for details.

If you are planning to purchase 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 $600. If you student already owns a Chromebook they are welcome to continue using that as they start high school but we do not recommend purchasing Chromebooks as they are not capable of running some of the more advanced applications students will be asked to use during their high school career. Likewise, tablets or iPads also have similar limitations that limit their capabilities.

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

CAA Administration