

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear ND Juggler Parents,

Notre Dame Regional Secondary School is requiring that students have their own laptop device in response to the needs of the new curriculum, the needs of modern learners, and due to health and safety reasons associated with COVID-19. For September 2020, all students are expected to bring a device to every class or to have a device available for online schooling (remote learning) at home. **Please note: a cell phone is not an acceptable educational device.**

Increasingly, more student work requires an electronic device. It has become an essential educational tool for accessing resources; producing written, visual and oral/collaborative work, like presentations, testing, running simulations, and coding. In addition, due to the COVID-19 pandemic a personal device removes the need to share devices and is an additional safety precaution for the health and safety of all our students.

Notre Dame is a Google school. All students are assigned a myndrs.com account, which gives them access to Gmail, Drive, Classroom, and other apps wherever they have Internet access. With Google Chrome being our preferred web browser, we would strongly recommend that **your child bring a Chromebook to school.** A Chromebook is similar to a laptop, but is exclusively web-based and is significantly less expensive. Chromebooks are available at many stores such as Best Buy.

Chromebooks have proven to be reliable devices for learning, serve our educational needs very well, and can be obtained at a reasonable price point. Depending on use and care, a Chromebook will last through your child's time at Notre Dame.

Please note you are not restricted to purchasing solely a Chromebook for your device of choice. You may choose to purchase your child an alternate device for school. If so your device must meet these requirements:

- Chrome OS compatible
- Camera for video conferencing
- Battery life of 7 hours at full charge
- Minimum screen size of 10"
- A physical keyboard
- Updated with current antivirus and legally purchased software

If there are any technical, policy or general questions about the 1:1 device policy please email devices@ndrs.org.

Sincerely,

Mr. R. DesLauriers

Principal