

Dear Parents of children entering Grade 6

Phil & Jennie Gaglardi Academy will continue classroom laptop integration for the upcoming school year and I wanted to write before the new school year started so that families had an opportunity to think through and search out the best options for laptop purchases over the summer break. You may decide to purchase a new, used, reconditioned or borrow a laptop from a family member. With enough notice, hopefully, you will find the right laptop that fits within your family budget. Please, no Chromebooks, netbooks, tablets (including I-PADs), or Apple MacBook.

For your child to gain access to the school's on-line programs, the system requirements are:

- At least 15" screen to avoid eye fatigue.
- At least 8-12 GB RAM and 500 GB – 1TB Hard Drive.
- Built-in camera and microphone.
- CPU either AMD Ryzen or A-series or Intel I Series (no lower than i5 processor)
- Windows operating system pre-loaded and set up before bringing the laptop into the school.

Accessories required:

- Noise cancelling head phones
- External mouse

In the past, any maintenance needed on student laptops was provided by the school's technician, this service will no longer be available, therefore laptop repairs and maintenance are the responsibility of the family.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to another successful school year. God is good and may He continue to bless you and empower you to know His love and be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Eph 3:16-19).

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