



Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute

Chromebook 1:1

September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 students:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! This is an exciting time to be a grade nine student in the Waterloo Region District School Board. All high schools will be participating in the *Chromebook 1:1* initiative. This means every Grade 9 student is going to receive a Chromebook for use for the entire school year.

What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a mobile computer that runs on Google's Chrome Operating System. These machines are designed to be used primarily while connected to the internet. They are optimized to allow the use of Google applications (ie: Google Drive, Calendar, Gmail and Google Classroom). WRDSB Students already have Google Apps accounts provided to them by the Board which they will use on their Chromebooks.

Why the 1:1 Project?

Empowering students to gain the skills to be successful in the global community.

- *Digital inclusions, equitable access to resources*
- *Flow between face-to-face and connected world*
- *Making better people/students*
- *Empathy / perspective*
- *Differentiate instruction, facilitate self-paced approaches*
- *Address the C's (communicate, collaborate, create, citizenship, critical thinking, character education)*
- *Leverage digital resources (and less paper)*
- *Facilitate timely feedback and documentation of learning*

When will grade nine students be receiving their Chromebook?

We will be giving students their Chromebooks at the Grade 9 BBQ on August 31, 2017.

What forms will be required for students to receive their Chromebook?

Students are expected to print off and hand in their signed Chromebook 1:1 Acknowledgement Form at the Grade 9 BBQ or to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school if they are not attending the BBQ. Copies of this form are available at chc.wrdsb.ca under CHROMEBOOK 1:1 on the left sidebar.

How can parents and students find out more about the Chromebook 1:1 pilot project?

We will be sharing more information on the Chromebook 1:1 initiative at Parents' Night in October and we will also be sharing information on the initiative at our September School Council meeting. Follow us on our school website at chc.wrdsb.ca for up to date information.

We are excited about this initiative and the benefits it will bring to our learning community.

Sincerely,

Ray Teed
Principal
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General Rules of Use:

1. Students and parents are expected to complete and return the **Chromebook 1:1 Acknowledge Form (below)**.
2. All Chromebooks are provided with this instruction sheet and a charging cord. Because **Chromebooks remain the property of WRDSB**, please ensure the Chromebook and charging cord are always ready to be returned in their original condition upon request.
3. **Please bring the Chromebook to school each day, fully charged.**
4. Students and parents must read and follow the WRDSB's Responsible Use Policy, found on-line at <http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/school-year-information/responsible-use-procedure-rup/>
5. Students are responsible for the care of the Chromebooks. We encourage students to buy a protective sleeve or case to transport and store the Chromebook. **Please report any damage or issue with your Chromebook immediately.** Please speak to your classroom teachers, our in-school technician and/or your vice principal about any problems or concerns you may have regarding the use and care of your Chromebook. Vice Principals will be consulted where there are concerns about intentional damage or vandalism.

Damage and Replacement Cost: \$330.00

Chromebook 1:1 Acknowledgement

Please read the information carefully and complete the required fields.

Student Information:

Name (please print): _____

Please read the following and sign below indicating that you understand and accept:

- Borrowing a Chromebook is a privilege.
- The Chromebook is to be used as a tool for school work.
- The student is responsible for the replacement or damage costs for Chromebooks and/or charging cords which are lost, stolen or intentionally damaged – as determined by a vice principal.
- Students and parents must read and follow the WRDSB's Responsible Use Policy, found on-line at <http://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/school-year-information/responsible-use-procedure-rup/>
- Students and Parents must read and understand the General Rules outlined in the *Instructions and Procedures*.
- The Chromebooks are reliable, but should you experience a hardware issue, please deal with it at school at the earliest possible opportunity.

Student Signature: _____