

IT Department Newsletter Spring/Summer 16/17 School Year



Technology Update Brief

CHROMEBOOKS EVERYWHERE !!!!!

Neshaminy has caught the Chromebook fever!

Staff Chromebooks should be in your hands as of this time, and June 19th and 20th PD is just around the corner.



summer.

Protective bags are coming and will be available hopefully before your PD day, if not, they will be available at Maple Point, for pickup over the

Teachers will receive a red case and students will receive a Gray case.

Chromebooks have been installed in third and fourth grades. Each classroom is now outfitted with a Chromebook cart for their classroom use. Second grade will be receiving Chromebook carts in Sept of 17/18 School Year.

Incoming fifth and eighth grade students entering in Middle School will be receiving Chromebooks. Sixth and seventh graders will continue to use their iPads.

As each year progresses and seventh graders moving up to eighth grade, they will pass their iPad to Grades K-1 each year. That will give K-1 approximately 20 iPads per classroom

All students leaving 8th grade in 18/19 and going into 9th grade will take their Chromebook with them to the high school. As each year progresses every student entering into 9th grade will take their Chromebook with them from the 8th grade.

This is a Laptop Cart Refresh year. All Student Laptop carts will be returned and converted to Chromebook Carts.

Internet Bandwidth will increase this year from 750 MB to 6 GIG to accommodate the increase of devices using the internet.

With the addition of more bandwidth, a new Firewall will be installed to tighten security and add additional features to protect the district from potential threats on the internet.

With a new Firewall will come a new way to connect from home. If you are using a PC/Laptop we will inform you of the application/App/Extension needed to run on your device. As it stands now, all devices will work as normal.

We are preparing to use the utility OneDrive for Business. This is a storage area for your files on the cloud. It is a free option of nearly 1 TB of storage. We will be migrating personal drives to OneDrive for Business with the same rollout as we did for migrating Email to Office365.

Prior notification will be given before any migration is done. To purchase additional storage is very expensive and we see this as a considerable cost savings district wide. This option also allows you to access your files anywhere anytime, on any device.



Moving forward in the 18/19 School Year we will be upgrading all district computers to Windows 10. We certainly like test pilots that would be willing to move ahead sooner. Just give us a call or put a ticket in and we will move you up.

Don't forget to use Atomic Learning for videos on how to use any Office365 product or to even see what Windows 10 will be like. This is the best way to obtain your Professional Development on the use of just about everything Neshaminy is using.

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END OF YEAR PROCEDURES

To prepare for end of School Year 2017, you have received a YELLOW container to place your PC components in.

Your container is clearly marked with your room number on it. It is to **STAY** with the room; **please do not take ANY technology if you are moving to another classroom or school.**

Please see the illustration below and place all components such as CPU, Monitor, Keyboard and mouse in the container, along with all cables that were attached to the computer.

If your computer was attached to a SmartBoard, please take the dangling cable from the Smart Board and gently place it behind the board itself, off of the floor.

You may also place any other computer related items in the container for safe keeping. You may also place your phone in this container/IWB Pens/Remotes, etc

Please do not store items in locked areas that will be needed to re-install your computer.



Items in the container will help the Technology Dept in the summer maintenance of your computer and the re-installation of your computer when your room has been waxed and cleaned.

Facilities has informed us that it is not necessary to cover the Smart Board or Projector.

Have a safe and restful summer !!

