Introducing the 1:1 Chromebook Program

We are thrilled to announce the implementation of a 1:1 (<u>one</u> computer for every <u>one</u> student) Chromebook Program for the 7th -12th grades this fall. Chromebooks are laptops created by Google to harness the use of the Google platform and Google Apps to make working more streamlined. They are very cost effective, have a long battery life, and boot up quickly and easily. We are very excited for how this technology will improve our classroom environment.

Technology has become an increasingly important tool in our lives. Pullman Christian School recognizes the importance of preparing students for the 21st Century skills necessary to be successful at school and at work. Each student will need a Chromebook computer that will be used in the classroom and at home for educational purposes. The 1:1 program is being used all over the world with positive results in student learning and engagement. Teachers will be using computer technology for instruction, assignments, projects, research and assessment. The 1:1 program will also allow teachers to better meet individual student needs and facilitate the learning of each student. We are excited to teach the students to establish a professional learning community where they are engaged and excited to meet the demands of the 21st century.

The Chromebooks will impact the classroom in many ways:
- Most classroom textbooks will be ebooks.
  - This will reduce the amount of books students need to carry around as well as giving students access to their textbooks at any time.
- Teachers will be able to give better feedback on projects and assignments.
  - Students will have the ability to collaborate with teachers before the project or assignment is due instead of waiting for communication after the final product is completed.
- Submitting assignments will be more streamlined.
  - Students will be able to receive and submit almost all assignments online so lost and misplaced papers will become a problem of the past and teachers will be able to see papers in real time.
- Students and teachers will have immediate access to the internet for research and educational purposes.
- Students will be able to use the Google platform to collaborate on projects and assignments.
- Students will be able to use the Google platform to ask each other questions and work together from anywhere in a safe and monitored environment.

Throughout this summer we will be sending home more information on the specifics of the type of Chromebook you will need to purchase for each 7th-12th grade student enrolling. Families can plan to spend about $250 on a Chromebook that will meet the specifications for our program, but there are many additional features you can choose to add as well. If you already have a Chromebook available to you that meets the specifications, please be encouraged to use it. These Chromebooks will be the property of your family and we encourage you to choose a model that benefits your family the most. If you have any concerns about the cost or anticipate this being a financial difficulty, please contact the school for options.

This is an exciting change for our 7th-12th grade students, teachers, and for Pullman Christian School as a whole. The immediate access to computers will have a beneficial effect on the education we can provide. We are eager to take another step in academic excellence at Pullman Christian School.