



CANTERBURY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Students,

This letter is to inform you of the computer options available to students. Though a limited number of computers are available in Steele Hall and in dorm common rooms, most students find that owning their own computers makes use of the Canterbury network more convenient. The information provided will help guide you through the process of deciding what kind of computer to purchase, or, if you already own a computer, what you will need to make it work on our wireless network.

Before students gain access to the school network, they will need to fill out a Network Account Information sheet at registration. This sheet asks students to acknowledge that they have read and have understood Canterbury's Acceptable Use Policy. The Acceptable Use Policy and Social Media Policy are posted on our website and can also be found in the Student-Parent Handbook. In addition, students will have to register their computers and/or network capable devices with the school before they will be able to use our network. Students are permitted to register 4 devices. They can do this from any campus building via a web page that will automatically load when they open their computer's or device's web browser.

Our secure wireless network will provide wireless connectivity to our academic network and to the Internet from each dorm and academic building. Our wireless network allows students to connect to the network from their rooms, allows them to roam within buildings without losing their network connections, and to print to networked printers located in each dorm common room and in the library. To be connected to the Canterbury network, a student's computer or device will need a wireless network interface card.

The Canterbury Technology Department will help students negotiate their initial connection to the wireless network but can offer only limited technical support options beyond accessing the network, printing and logging into their Canterbury Google and Veracross accounts. If the computer's operating system is not set to use English, we can not help, and we cannot repair computers with faulty or broken hardware, and in such cases, we will refer the student to the manufacturer or vendor for repairs. We will help as best we can. Students can avoid most computer problems by having their computers ready for our network. If during the summer, they perform periodic operating system and software updates, the process of setting up and registering their computers for use on the school's network should be very easy. Windows computers need up-to-date anti-virus software. If the computer has a trial version of an anti-virus program, you should buy a subscription to make sure the program will continue to work throughout the school year. Recommended anti-virus programs are listed at the end of this letter.

After the students have set up and registered their computers on the school's network, they need to continue performing periodic software updates and, for Windows computers, anti-virus updates.

The school encourages families buying new computers to purchase a three-year onsite warranty with the computer. Additionally, the school recommends that families insure the computer against theft or damage.

Canterbury students will use the Veracross student portal to access class pages, assignments, grades, and other online content which is accessible through Canterbury's website; (<http://www.cbury.org>). Teachers post critical class information on Veracross and students are required to check each of their class pages daily. Instructions on how to access Veracross and how to navigate to critical information will be provided during the fall orientation period.

During this summer, we may update this letter and provide you other information that will make your use of technology here at Canterbury successful. Should you have any questions as you consider purchasing a computer, feel free to call Rob Roffe, Canterbury's Academic Technology Coordinator, at 860-210-3898, or email him at rroffe@cbury.org.

As always, if you have other questions, you may call me at 860-210-3899.

Sincerely yours,



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Minimum System Requirements for Mac and Windows Computers

Windows: Windows 7 or newer (Windows 10 recommended).

Macintosh: MacOS X 10.10 or newer

Recommended Computers

An Apple or Windows laptop with wireless capabilities that meets the minimum system requirements. A Chromebook computer will also work and print on our network, but it will not have the capability to run as many third party applications as a Mac or Windows computer.

Recommended Software

Although we are a GSuite for Education school we can provide copies of Microsoft Office to our students if desired.

Acceptable anti-virus programs for Windows computers

While there are others that are suitable, Canterbury School recommends: AVG, Avast, Kaspersky, Symantec/Norton, McAfee, Panda or Trend Micro.