

Technology@Rochambeau

Hello all... I hope everyone is safe and well during these complicated times. In these oversaturated technology days, I wanted to provide a few updates and provide a little guidance about some ways to manage our technology at home.

We are hearing from several parents that their children are using our iPads at home for some personal uses outside of class. As we have discussed in the past, our devices should only be used during their classes and to complete assignments. Once their school day is over, you should feel extremely comfortable taking our device until the next school day or until it is needed for homework or projects. Additionally, they should provide you any passcodes they have added to the device so that you may see what kinds of things they are doing. While we don't have a mechanism for blocking student access to apps based on hours, you can add **Screen Time** to our iPads so you can keep an eye on what they are doing and how much time they are spending on particular apps.

Should you need some guidance on how to set up **Screen Time**, Apple provides great help resources to guide you through the process.

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208982>

At the beginning of the year, we discussed how students would be required to use their Rochambeau Google account to log into various resources they are using. In the next few weeks, we will be activating a feature in Zoom that **requires** them to use their Google account to access Zoom. Please remind your children that they should **ONLY** use their Google account to log into school resources. We are seeing a large number of students logging into Zoom meetings having created personal, free Zoom accounts and this is not allowed. **This feature will be activated on Friday, November 20, 2020.** Please make sure your children have access to their Google accounts in anticipation of this change. Take a few moments to look at their zoom use in the days to come to make sure it is safe and in line with your expectations.

This summer, we announced that we would be rolling out Chromebooks in the Middle School at Rochambeau. Due to COVID-19, the world has seen millions of devices backordered to schools and we have been in constant communication with Lenovo, the manufacturer of our Chromebooks, about their status. We have been told the devices should arrive in December and we are hopeful that our efforts in the next several weeks will allow us to prepare and deploy them quickly. We have done everything we can to speed this process up, but we are hopeful that we are moving closer to a delivery date. We appreciate your understanding and are excited about this new opportunity for Rochambeau.

Should you ever need us, please use the following addresses:

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