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TEACHERS IN May:

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TEACHERS**

"did you have fun at school?"



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Senior Chromebook Returns

All students will turn in their school-issued Chromebooks.

A Week students will turn in their Chromebooks on May 23rd.

B Week students will turn in their Chromebooks on May 30th.

Students will be sent down to the library by last name and in alphabetical order. Please wait for an announcement to be made.

IT will be present with a sign off sheet for students to find their name and confirm they have returned their device and charger. Students will be sent back to class after they have returned their devices.



Notables

- Students should be advised to bring their Chromebook & Charger to school
- Sign off Sheets will have students alphabetically by last name



Concerning Trend Causes Device Damage

TikTok-ers encourage students to try dangerous stunt

By Eric Benoit

A concerning trend on TikTok involves students inserting metallic objects like pencil lead or paper clips into Chromebook USB ports, creating a fire hazard. This practice can damage the device, spark or puncture the battery, and potentially cause overheating, fire, or explosion. Other local districts have seen this problem and we have witnessed it here at Diman. Students should be made aware this is a serious matter; one district in CT is charging students with arson for each instance. Parents have also been made aware of the issue.

Device Turn In

All Diman Issued Equipment Must be turned in for Summer

Diman is getting a NEW SERVER this summer! Our current underlying Server infrastructure is over ten years old. Aside from having difficulty with handling Windows 11 (What's a TRUST RELATIONSHIP?!) it is no longer supported by Microsoft and simply must be upgraded/replaced. This involves touching every single device in order to connect it to our new environment. All equipment must be turned into IT prior to Faculty leaving on the last day. Anyone needing a device for summer can make arrangements to pick up their devices after July 4.

Participate in Diman's AI Pilot!

Calling all Faculty interesting in an AI Pilot. Provide valuable input on what AI products Diman should invest in in the future! Pilot one of these three programs:

- MagicSchool AI
- Brisk Teaching
- Gemini
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Please see Dr. Warren for further information.

Phone and laptop got stolen out of my car, so I'm working from the fridge today...



Diman is interested in piloting a new AI platform (Magic School) in order to compare it to our current products. As a result, we are looking to assemble a team of faculty to test three products for approximately a month and provide feedback so that we can determine the best AI tools for our school in the 2025-2026 school year. If you or members of your department would like to test these platforms, please complete the form below. Participation will give you free advanced access to Magic School for a month, as well as Gemini at Diman.

Platforms: Magic School, Brisk, and Gemini

Length of Study: Approximately One Month

Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/XdnkRxSDYQa42HmE7>