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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year in the Chester School District. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will open this afternoon as we know you are eagerly awaiting your child's information. We will continue to use the Blackboard Notification System this year to notify you of important information. This information now syncs with PowerSchool so you must verify that your information in PowerSchool is correct. Once logged into PowerSchool, please click on the bottom left icon, PowerSchool Registration. Then, please verify phone numbers and email addresses for notifications.

In order to help facilitate your child's transition to this new school year, please pay careful attention to the following information. Noted are several important forms that must be completed before the school year begins. Without the documents and forms signed in the Annual Student Registration section of PowerSchool before the school begins, your child will **not** be able to use their Chromebook or other district technology due to safety and security.


IMPORTANT ITEMS TO COMPLETE BEFORE STUDENTS CAN USE DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY (i.e. Chromebooks, computers, iPads, etc.).

1. Please log onto the [Parent Portal](#) on PowerSchool (**opening later today**) and sign off on all Forms and Documents in the Annual Student Registration.
2. If you would like to purchase the Chromebook Protection Plan, you may do so online using [Mealtime](#) or by bringing a check to your school's main office.
 - a. Grades K-2 – Must fill out all forms. No protection plan necessary.
 - b. Grades 3-5 – Must fill out all forms. Protection Plan is \$20/yr.
 - c. Grades 6-8 – Must fill out all forms. Protection plan is \$40/yr. Students who pay the protection plan all three years will keep their Chromebook after 8th grade.
3. Information about the Protection Plan can be found [here](#).

Below are the most common damages we see each year. The Protection Plan is a **HUGE** savings over the cost of a broken keyboard (\$56.00) or broken screen (\$60.00).

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| • Broken/Cracked LCD Screen | \$60.00 |
| • Broken or Cracked Outer Casing | \$75.00 |
| • Broken Keyboard or Missing Keys | \$56.00 |
| • Damaged or Unusable Protective Case | \$20.00 |
| • Broken/Lost Charger | \$30.00 |
| • Device Damaged Beyond Repair | \$230.00 |

The Protection Plan covers two accidental drops, liquid damage, or any unintentional damage per calendar year. Additional incidents needing repairs will not be covered and the parent or guardian will be charged the full repair price. Last year our district experienced 100 broken/cracked LCD Screens. The parent or guardian will be responsible for these types of repairs without the purchase of the Protection Plan. We ask you fill out the Annual Student Registration as soon as possible in order to ensure your child is able to use district technology on the first day of school. Please feel free to email any questions to technology@chester-nj.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer!


Michael Dougherty
Technology Director