

One-to-one Device Program at Assumption Catholic School for 5th-8th grades

(For the 2022-2023 school year)

Assumption Catholic School is a one-to-one device program for all students in grades K-8. Students in grades 5-8 are required to purchase their own devices and bring them, fully charged, to school each day. There are few requirements for the device, and students are able to purchase an Apple, Windows, or Chromebook device. We ask the device has a camera for recording video and has a minimum SRAM of 8GB and hard drive space of at least 128 GB. This device will need to last the student through the end of eighth grade, so devices purchased before 2020 are not recommended. Additionally, if your child wants to use an iPad for this purpose, there are some compatibility issues when it comes to standardized testing and other in-class assignments. However, there is usually a workaround if this is the best option for your family. Our technology support company, Litzia, recommends the following two devices if you prefer Windows. Please have these devices purchased and ready for the first day of school on **August 31, 2022**. Thank you!

Option 1 - Lenovo ThinkBook 14 Gen 2 Intel (14") - Recommended

Price: \$772.85 (Before Taxes)

Part #: 20VD016UUS

Purchase Link: <https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/p/laptops/thinkbook/thinkbook-series/lenovo-thinkbook-14-g2-itl/20vd016uus>

Description:

- 11th Generation Core i5 Processor
- Windows 11 Professional
- 8 GB DDR4 3200 MHz
- 256 GB PCIe SSD
- 14" Display (Non-Touch)

Option 2 – Dell Latitude 3120 Education

Price: \$499.00 (Before Taxes)

Purchase Link: <https://www.dell.com/en-us/work/shop/dell-laptops-and-notebooks/latitude-3120-laptop/spd/latitude-11-3120-2-in-1-laptop/bto010l312011us?view=configurations>

- Intel Celeron N5100
- Windows 11 Professional
- 4GB DDR4 2933 MHz

- 128GB M.2 PCIe SSD
- 2-in-1 11.6" Display (Touch)

What do we hope to accomplish from this device program?

- Redesigning teaching and learning- doing things not possible with paper and pencil tasks
- Collaboration between students and clear communication with teachers
- Online resources easily accessible
- Preparation for Office 365 in the local high schools
- Digital citizenship, safe navigation, and online safety

Things to remember...

1. **Parent Permission** form for device use must be completed before students begin using their devices at school. <https://goo.gl/forms/2dRBq4gStBy23ZR22>

This form includes:

- Device-Use Guidelines for Assumption students found at <https://goo.gl/BMuyvh>
- Acceptable Use Agreement for Assumption students found at <https://goo.gl/km1lle>.
- Examples of family media agreements

Note: These are family-owned devices and applications may be installed by parents at home, but access to these may be limited during the school day if they are not education-related and teacher approved.

2. **Office 365 accounts and email.** Passwords are created by the school and can only be changed by resetting them through the school. The teachers have access to these usernames and passwords- the students have been told that their emails are for school use only and can be accessed by us at any time. With our license, Office Suite can be installed on up to five devices in the home.
3. **COPPA- Child Online Privacy and Protection Rule** <https://goo.gl/G2hMA9> The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, (15 U.S.C. 6501, *et seq.*,) prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the collection, use, and/or disclosure of personal information from and about children on the Internet.
 - a. Definitions- vocabulary and terms
 - b. General principles- under 13 years old need parent permission
 - c. Parental consent- right to view and give permission for any information about your child to be shared
4. **Online safety and digital "hygiene"** The White Hatter <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/programs/monitoring-filtering-and-other-tools-for-parents-caregivers>

10 things to make surfing safer for your kids:

- a. Google Safe Search <https://www.safesearchkids.com/>

- i. Note: Incognito allows history to be unseen. Use <https://families.google.com/familylink/> to turn this off.
 - b. YouTube "restricted" mode
 - c. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter privacy settings need to reset <http://www.thewindowsclub.com/secure-social-media-accounts>
 - d. Parental controls exist in Microsoft Windows 10, other operating systems and web browsers (see below.)
 - e. Kids Wifi
 - f. Monitoring software
 - g. Turn off geotagging and location services on their phone or device
 - h. Settings on Xbox and Playstation
 - i. Cover the camera with a Band-aid or paper
5. **Parental Controls.** <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/everything-you-need-to-know-about-parental-controls>

Smart phones and tablets. Some mobile devices come with basic parental controls -- but the options vary a lot depending on what you have. You can also download apps such as [Google's Family Link](#), [Bark](#), [Limitly](#), and [TeenSafe](#) to track and control online activity

Your device's operating system. Microsoft's Windows, Apple's Mac OS, and Google Chrome come with robust built-in parental controls.

Web browsers. Browsers, for example Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and Apple Safari, are the software you use to go on the Internet. Each one offers different ways of filtering out websites you don't want your kids to visit. [Learn how to set restrictions in your browser.](#)

Kids' browsers. Examples include [Zoodles](#), [Kido'z](#), and [Tweens Browser](#).

Third-party apps and software. Full-featured parental-control programs, such as [NetNanny](#) and [Qustodio](#) let you block websites.

- o <https://ourpact.com/> - If you don't have an iPhone with screen time settings for Family Sharing, you can use this site and app to monitor your child's screen time use. The first device is free, but costs for the second.

Home networking. There are both hardware and software solutions to control your home network and your home WiFi. [OpenDNS](#) is a free download that works with your existing router (the device that brings the Internet into your home) to filter Internet content. [Circle Home](#) and [Torch](#) are newer types of WiFi router controls that are designed to be easy for parents to operate.

Common Sense Media video clips for discussion:

- Social media ([5 social media rules for teens and tweens](#))
- Privacy settings ([5 surefire ways to protect your kids' online privacy](#))
- Internet safety ([5 Internet safety tips for kids](#))

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> - This is a resource with great info for parents –helps educate parents about apps students are using and potentially harmful sites. It also talks about how to talk to your student about technology. There are contacts parents can use too.

Trends in social networking and social media: <https://makeawebsitehub.com/social-media-sites/>

Antivirus or malware protection- Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender. Suite or just antivirus. Windows Defender comes with Windows 10 but is not complete.

Fifth grade classroom expectations around technology

1. Devices are only for educational purposes and should not be used for gaming at school or at home.
2. Students generally use their device to write papers, do presentations (ppt), and do research (think Holocaust research paper in January, monthly book reports), IXL, Code.org (with parent permission), and email. A few students have used them to make stop-motion movies as book reports.
3. Students are not allowed to "Google" anything without permission first. When I share a link to websites, they are preapproved for student use. Students who are caught browsing without permission must put their laptops away and a progress report is sent home.
4. Before anyone can use a device, the contracts must be signed and the teacher goes over all the classroom rules prior to use.
5. Sometimes students email homework to the teacher when they're sick.

It is our hope to have a technology assembly with students before the end of the school year in order to cover all of the above items. However, if it is not covered this year, time will be set aside in the first week of school to review technology expectations, both physical and digital.

Sincerely,

Assumption School Staff