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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that for the 2016-2017 school year, North Penn School District is beginning its Digital Age learning initiative by issuing Chromebooks to every child in grades six to nine and all Northbridge students. This decision has been thoroughly considered with all stakeholders, examining the benefits of technology integration for our students. Your child's education is the highest priority for North Penn; therefore, we are focusing our attention on how to support their achievement in the Digital Age. With the provision of this device to all students in these grades, and professional development for teachers, we are confident that your child will see even greater success in the coming years.

We encourage you to join us in educating your child on how to respect their device by going to our website at <https://sites.google.com/a/npenn.org/npenn1to1/> and learning about the proper guidelines and policies that must be followed. This website also provides answers to many frequently asked questions.

As part of our initiative, we are requesting that you contribute to your child's education by paying an annual insurance fee for the Chromebook at a cost of \$25.00. This fee will provide coverage for accidental damage, minus theft, and will allow your child/children to carry their device to and from school each day. Complete warranty details are available on our website. If you choose not to pay the fee, your child will still be issued a Chromebook, however they will only be allowed to use it in school.

Payment can be made, at the time of registration or at your child's school on their first day, in the form of cash or check. Checks should be made out to "NPSD." Please note, if your check is returned to the district due to insufficient funds, you will be responsible for the \$30.00 fee the district incurs. If you feel you have a financial hardship and cannot afford the \$25.00 insurance fee, please contact our ESC Technology Support Specialist at 215-853-1074 and a request to waive this fee will be taken into consideration.

We strongly recommend that some type of protective case be used to transport and protect the Chromebook. We have found that more often than not, students prefer to pick their own case. Suggestions for cases can be found on our website.

The district has set-up a family helpdesk to assist you with any technical support issues you may have. You can email for support at [npfamilytech@npenn.org](mailto:npfamilytech@npenn.org), [submit a form requesting assistance](#), or call 215-853-1288 to leave a message requesting support. Live chat with our tech support on Google Hangouts will also be available from 7-8pm, Sunday through Thursday evenings throughout the school year. Please visit our website, listed above, for more information about contacting tech support and live chat.

Finally, your child is required to join our introductory google classroom to learn more about his/her device. To join, have your child go to <https://classroom.google.com>, click the plus (+) in the upper right hand corner and type in the code 4cogx3 to join.

If you have any questions about the Chromebook distribution, please contact Lisa Andrey at 215-853-1071. We look forward to launching this Digital Learning Initiative in partnership with you and your children!

Sincerely,  
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Director of Technology