Dear Parents of children entering Grade 6,

PJ Gaglardi Academy will continue classroom laptop integration for the upcoming school year, and I wanted to write well before the new school year started so that families had an opportunity to think through, and search out the best options for laptop purchases over the summer break. You may decide to purchase new, used, reconditioned or borrow from a family member. With enough advance notice, hopefully you will find the right laptop that fits within your family budget.

In order for your child to gain access to the school on-line programs, the system requirements are:

- No Chromebook, netbook, tablet, or Apple Macbook.
- At least 14" screen to avoid eye fatigue.
- At least 4 GB RAM and 250 GB Hard Drive.
- AMD/ATI or Intel graphics.
- Built-in camera and microphone.
- CPU either AMD A-series or Intel I-series.

Moreover, Samuel Sieb, our IT Specialist, is planning to be at the school the week before school starts in order to partition each hard drive and install Fedora Linux – our school's operating system. Therefore, it would be very helpful if you would drop off your child's laptop during this week so that Samuel can begin work on partitioning the hard drives. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. The school office will re-open starting the third week in August.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to another successful school year. God is good and may He continue to bless you and empower you to know His love and be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Eph 3:16-19).

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