August 15, 2018

Dear Vernon Parents and Students:

As you may know, a major focus of the Marion Independent School District has been the implementation and advancement of technology for our staff and students. This year we are excited to say our Vernon Middle School students will be receiving Chromebooks as we move towards a fully connected learning, 1 to 1 environment. Chromebooks will be able to be used by the students for the entire year in and out of school, as they will be permitted to take them home.

Students will be having an orientation during the first week of school within their classes. They will receive their Chromebooks, be given information about care and monitoring, and will be able to log-in and begin using them. There are two documents located on our school website that I think will be helpful for parents and students to better understand our new initiative. The first is our M1:1 Student Handbook and the other is the agenda for students receiving the equipment. Both documents are located at http://www.marion-isd.org/misd-chromebook-11-information/.

We will be able to monitor activity on the Chromebooks and students will be held to the same standards of integrity in and out of school. All Chromebooks are equipped with durable cases that will serve to prevent many instances of accidental damage. We are requiring the use of cases at all times to help keep their technology safe. Students who bring their Chromebooks home will also need to ensure they are charged and ready for the next day.

We are excited about moving forward with this initiative as we continue to prepare our students for the future! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Murphy, District Technology Integrationist at p.murphy@marion-isd.org, Daniel Lang, our School Improvement Coordinator at dlang@marion-isd.org, or Zavier Clark, District Technology Coordinator at zclark@marion-isd.org.

Sincerely,

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