Welcome new families and families of upcoming freshmen - the class of 2022.

We would like to invite you to partner with us in ACA's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program to enrich your student's education. It is exciting, forward thinking, effective and valuable with today's changing technological world. While we are excited by what technology has to offer, Moodle and student devices haven't replaced the comprehensive teaching that has made ACA a successful school with a sound academic program, but rather added diversity by providing a tool teachers can use for interaction, communication, collaboration, research and preparing students for their future.

Students are discussing class content and gaining insight from their peers using forums. Teachers are organizing interactive Web games such as Quizizz and Kahoot to review content which challenges students to be prepared and students have fun in the process. Your students are writing daily and submitting their work through online text in Moodle assignments. A variety of new and exciting things are possible with the B.Y.O.D program and Moodle and teachers and students are benefitting.

In considering the upcoming school year, in the event your child should need a new device, we ask that you purchase a laptop with the criteria listed below:

- The laptop must have a **Windows or Mac operating system.**
- The laptop must be able to **run the full version of the Microsoft Office Suite (Not just apps).**
- The laptop must have a **physical keyboard.**
- The minimum **screen size** is **11.6 inches and above.**
- The laptop should be able to **record audio and video.**
- The battery must last **all-day. The battery life should have 6+ hours.**
- The processor must be an **Intel Chipset Core I-series or AMD equivalent (Ryzen series).**
- The storage on the laptop must be at least **128 gigabytes of storage and a minimum of 4 gigabytes of RAM.**

Note:
- **iPads are not approved devices**
- **Chromebooks are not approved devices**

Your student will continue to use Office 365, FACTS SIS (formerly RenWeb), as well as Moodle. We want your student to have the best environment for learning and provide the best teachers, academic programs, infrastructure to support the technology used, and staff in place to support the faculty and students' utilization of technology. Should your student need assistance with Moodle, FACTS SIS, or Office 365, you can email your question to techinfo@acalion.org. Questions about device problems will need to be handled by outside sources.

Sincerely,
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