



**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE  
ACADEMY**

**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE**

Technology has come to play an unprecedented role in the lives and education of today's students. It is constantly changing and the goal is not to just "keep up" but to anticipate its repercussions in our students' lives. In addition, one-to-one computing and individualized access to collaborative academic work, as well as digitally produced presentations and projects, have become the norm. At CHA, we are committed to keeping pace with technological innovations in education and are continually evaluating and assessing our capabilities and effectiveness.

**BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**

Because most assignments and documents are given out and turned in via Google Classroom, and assignments are sometimes collaborative, we have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model. This model allows students to bring the device platform of their choice (Windows, Apple, Chrome OS, or Android), each capable of providing an effective, compatible platform. We are recommending Chromebooks as a more economical and safer option to laptops. Many can be purchased for around \$200 and we recommend it contain at least 4GB of RAM and 32GB of storage. Devices that have touch screens or have tablet options are nice to have, but are not absolutely necessary. Many also have an option to add accidental damage warranties at additional cost. However, each family can make the decision as to which type of device they want their student to use.

**CHA Network Upgrade**

As part of our ongoing Instructional Technology enhancements, we have upgraded and expanded the infrastructure at CHA to provide additional layers of security. In addition to updated wireless antennas and increased internet connection speeds, more filters are in place to prevent access to inappropriate websites regardless of the type of device being used. We encourage parents to partner with us to gain a clear understanding of what this may mean with regard to your home internet security settings.

We believe wholeheartedly in the direction that we are taking to advance instructional technology. Thank you for partnering with us at CHA and may God continue to guide us as we seek to equip our students with the best and most current learning tools.

Sincerely,

Joan Okamoto  
Principal