



## The 1:1 Chromebook Initiative

We began our 1:1 computing device program in 2015. All students are now issued Lenovo Yoga 11e Chromebooks. Students keep these devices throughout their stay at Siena and upon graduation will take them with them.

Chromebooks operate on the Chrome operating system and rely on cloud-based computing for use and storage of Apps and data. In other words, instead of relying upon a dedicated hard drive and software, the user has access to any applications he or she has downloaded to their internet-based Google drive as well as any documents they have created. A user can log on to any computer in the world and access their own applications and documents. We are no longer tethered to a particular computer.

Most exciting for us is that this allows our school community to expand our educational horizons. While we continue to emphasize timeless truths and fundamental skills, the integration of technology in the classroom leads to more collaborative learning that engages students in actively acquiring and constructing knowledge. In an age when college students travel the globe and experience the richness of human life, we need to make use of the technology at our disposal to travel the world virtually.

Our role as educators is evolving. While we will continue to be sources of knowledge, it will be our wisdom, values, and guidance that will increasingly be in demand as we help our students navigate an online world that is both exciting and challenging.

We raise our children to embrace the wonder of our world, and to rise to its challenges. This goes for the virtual world as well as the physical one. You can depend on the Siena faculty to nurture faith and intellect and to provide the kind of guidance that will allow your children to contribute to a transformation of these worlds.