



Computer Buying Tips

Tip # 1. Mac or Windows – You Choose !

- Currently, about 60% of our students choose Apple devices while 40% choose Windows.
- The most popular device was a 13” Macbook.
- The computer should have a keyboard - this can be a laptop or convertible tablet.
- Either platform will work well on the school network and with the web-based programs used in class.

Sample Apple Laptop	Sample Windows Laptop
MacBook Air 13-inch screen Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.6GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor• Intel HD Graphics 6000• 8GB memory• 128GB flash storage 2.9 pounds, 12 hour battery life Retail Price -\$999.00 from Apple Store (It is rumored that the next generation will be available in June with lower price)	Lenovo Thinkpad @-in-1 14-inch touchscreen Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.5GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor• NVIDIA Graphics• 8GB memory• 256GB flash storage 4.2 pounds Retail Price -\$854.00 from Best Buy

Tip # 2. Look for Bargains

- Most Laptops can readily be found for 5-15% below retail.
 - Apple products now available “on sale” at Target and Best Buy
 - Use Internet Search – Amazon. Be sure to use exact model for comparison.
 - Deep discounts just before new model release – for Apple usually June.
- Consider discount Internet Retailers
 - Tiger Direct
 - New Egg
- Refurbished machines can be great deals, but make sure they have original warranty included

Tip # 3. Basic Computer is Fine - extra \$ Will Buy

- More Memory. Recommend a minimum of 8GB.
- Bigger Display. Personal preference. Recommend minimum of 11”.
- More Storage. Flash Storage is faster but more expensive. Recommend Minimum of 128GB.
- Extra Battery. Longer battery life is ideal. Recommend a minimum of 4 hours.

Tip # 4. Remember Essential Extras.

- Three year Extended Warranty
- Accidental Protection Plan
- Extra Charger
- External Flash or Hard Drive for back-up



Technology – Learning to the Power of T

Learning^t is the integration of technology into the classroom, based on a belief in the unique compounding power of technology to enhance our mission and exponentially boost learning opportunities for our students. In the 21st century, faculty and students are leveraging new tools and teaching methods to help achieve our goals for every graduate to be effective communicators, critical thinkers and problem solvers, engaged and ethical citizens, curious and creative, and balanced and resilient.

From our inception as Cathedral School, we have been infused with the Benedictine value of intellectual curiosity and the ethic of social responsibility and action. As times change, we have remained true to the core of these values while embracing a wider presence in the world. Our aspirations are now captured in our mission statement: "to educate students to become global citizens."

Technology is a multiplier toward these ends, and our teachers use it as a catalyst for positive change.

One-One Program Highlights:

- 1:1 Technology for all students
- Emphasis on appropriate and mindful use of technology
- Students in grades 4-7 receive a school-owned iPad
- Students in grades 8-12 bring their own laptops
- Schoology "Learning Management System" for student collaboration and access to course materials
- Digital Portfolios and student-led conferences in grades 4-8
- Technology Portfolio developed and presented in grades 9-10
- Partnership with [Virtual High School](#) that provides access to over 140 unique course offerings
- "[Marshall Apps](#)" which utilizes Google Apps for Education to provide e-mail and collaboration tools anywhere students have access to the Internet