



BEST TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR TSMS MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS!

HOW TO BEST ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD'S
BEHAVIOR AND ACADEMIC SUCCESSSES AT THOMPSON'S
STATION MIDDLE SCHOOL USING
WCS TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES



CHROMEBOOK BASICS



- CHROMEBOOKS ARE USED DAILY BY STUDENTS.
- THEY MUST BE CHARGED EVERY NIGHT.
 - MINORS ARE ISSUED FOR FORGOTTEN/UNCHARGED CHROMEBOOKS.



- RISING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TURN IN CHROMEBOOKS AT THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

STUDENTS WILL BE ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.



PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S CHROMEBOOK

AMAZON HAS MANY CASES AVAILABLE!

- MRS. GORDON'S FAVORITE IS GUMDROP DROP TECH CASE FOR \$36.95. IT HAS EDGE BUMPERS FOR DROP PROTECTION, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER OPTIONS AS WELL.
- MAKE SURE THE CASE IS FOR A DELL 3110 2-IN-1 CHROMEBOOK.



CHROMEBOOK CRISIS AT HOME?

1. EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE THERE IS AN ISSUE. (YOU CAN FIND STAFF EMAILS ON THE TSMS WEBSITE.)
2. EMAIL THE MEDIA SPECIALIST, CARRIE GORDON (CARRIEG@WCS.EDU) AS SHE IS THE DIRECT LINE TO A SOLUTION.
3. HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING THEIR CHROMEBOOK AND CORD TO THE LIBRARY THE NEXT MORNING. A LOANER CHROMEBOOK WILL BE ISSUED.

TIP - SOMETIMES CHROMEBOOKS JUST NEED A POWER DOWN. SHUT DOWN THE CHROMEBOOK COMPLETELY, COUNT TO 20, AND THEN RESTART. THIS WILL FIX 95% OF GLITCHES.



CHROMEBOOK REPAIR PRICING?

STICKERS REMOVED = \$5.00

DAMAGED KEYBOARD = \$20.00

LOST/DAMAGED POWER CORDS = \$45.00

REPLACEMENT SCREEN = \$100

LOST/DAMAGED CHROMEBOOK = \$325.00

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPLACE THESE PIECES AT HOME OR PURCHASE
REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS YOURSELF. ITEMS WILL BE REPLACED BY THE WCS
I.T. DEPARTMENT OR OUR TSMS TECHNICIAN.



PBIS PARENT APP

PBIS STANDS FOR POSITIVE BEHAVIORS INTERVENTION & SUPPORTS AND IS AN EVIDENCED-BASED FRAMEWORK USED BY WCS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL CULTURE AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR.

THE PBIS REWARDS PARENT APP IS A PARENT/GUARDIAN PORTAL TO THE PBIS REWARDS SYSTEM. THE APP ALLOWS PARENTS TO TRACK THE PROGRESS AND POINT TOTAL OF EACH OF THEIR CHILDREN.



PBIS PARENT APP

DOWNLOAD THE APP ONTO YOUR SMARTPHONE.

YOU WILL NEED A QR CODE TO ACTIVATE YOUR STUDENT IN THE APP. THESE ARE UNIQUE FOR EACH CHILD AND WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

PARENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO NOT ONLY THE POINTS THEIR CHILDREN EARN THROUGH POSITIVE BEHAVIORS, BUT PARENTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TRACK DISCIPLINE REPORTS AS WELL.



SETTING UP SKYWARD ALERTS

- LOGIN TO YOUR FAMILY SKYWARD ACCOUNT FROM A BROWSER.
- CLICK ON "MY ACCOUNT" FROM THE TOP RIGHT CORNER.
- SCROLL TO THE CENTER OF THE "MY ACCOUNT" SCREEN TO **EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS.**
- CHECK THE BOX BESIDE "RECEIVE GRADING EMAILS FROM MY STUDENT(S).
- DEFAULT LOW ASSESSMENT SCORE IS SET TO 70%.
- DEFAULT HIGH ASSESSMENT SCORE IS SET TO 90%.

SETTING UP SKYWARD ALERTS

TSMS SENDS WEEKLY EMAILS FOR THE FOLLOWING OCCURENCES FOR EACH STUDENT:



- MISSING ASSIGNMENT FROM CURRENT TERM
- RECEIVED ASSIGNMENT SCORE LESS THAN THE LOW ASSESSMENT PERCENT IN LAST WEEK
- CURRENT PROGRESS REPORT GRADE LESS THAN LOW CLASS GRADE PERCENT IN A CLASS
- RECEIVED AN ASSIGNMENT SCORE MORE THAN HIGH ASSESSMENT SCORE PERCENT IN LAST WEEK
- STUDENT HAS CURRENT PROGRESS REPORT GRADE THAT IS MORE THAN HIGH CLASS PERCENT IN A CLASS



SCHOOLGY

- LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED BY WCS.
TEACHERS POST COURSE MATERIALS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS.
- STUDENTS USE SCHOOLGY TO SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS.
SCHOOLGY IS THE HUB OF LEARNING FOR WCS.
- EACH TEACHER WILL SET UP HIS/HER COURSE IN SCHOOLGY.
EACH COURSE IS SET UP DIFFERENTLY BUT IS USUALLY SET BY UNIT/WEEK/ETC.
- TEACHERS WILL SHOWCASE THEIR COURSES DURING OPEN HOUSE
IN THE FALL.



MONITORING STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS

GAGGLE IS THE WCS CHROMEBOOK MONITORING PROGRAM THAT ALERTS ADMINISTRATION WHEN STUDENTS ARE TRYING TO ACCESS INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT ON COUNTY ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.

FILTERING PROGRAMS ARE IN PLACE TO BLOCK WEBSITES. TEACHERS WILL USE THE PROGRAM **DYKNOW** TO MONITOR STUDENTS DURING CLASS TIME TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ON TASK WHILE USING CHROMEBOOKS.

WCS GUEST NETWORK



- WCS EVENTS WILL BE CASHLESS DURING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.
 - NOT ALL CELL PROVIDERS HAVE GREAT SIGNALS AT TSMS.
 - THE WCS GUEST NETWORK WILL GRANT PARENT'S ACCESS TO THE INTERNET WHEN AT TSMS OR OTHER WCS SCHOOLS.
 - GO TO YOUR PHONE'S WIFI SETTINGS
 - CHOOSE WCS BYOT
- SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM AND SELECT "CREATE A GUEST ACCOUNT"
- FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH YOUR INFORMATION
 - SELECT REGISTER
 - SELECT SIGN-ON
 - ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS AND SELECT CONTINUE.



TSMS WILL BE CELL PHONE
FREE FOR 2022-2023.

BECAUSE ALL STUDENTS HAVE
COUNTY-ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS,
STUDENTS WILL NOT BE
PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR CELL
PHONE WHILE AT SCHOOL.