

Media Center News



Technology is increasingly integrated into education. We see this not only in instruction but also in student use of various technology tools and applications. We are fortunate to have access to laptops and Wi-Fi in our media center and several outstanding databases both through the school system and through the public library system. All our county students also now have an Office 365 email account through CCPS. Fifth and fourth grade students have logged into their accounts during media classes. Third and second grade students will be introduced to Office 365 by the end of the school year. When used appropriately, Office 365 will provide a whole new way of collaborating and sharing information between staff and students and among students themselves. Besides email accounts, Office 365 offers personal cloud storage, online calendars, and document sharing as well as Microsoft Word applications such as Powerpoint. These CCPS accounts are a closed network. Students can only send and receive emails from within the CCPS community. They should be used for school related content only. The following information is provided by CCPS and is available on Calvertnet.

Responsibilities:

The primary use of Office 365 is for educational purposes and school-related activities. When using Office 365 or any computer related hardware or software, students must adhere to district and school expectations, specifically the [Acceptable Use Policy and CCPS Policy 2718](#). Students should have no expectation of privacy in an electronic environment. Student Office 365 accounts are considered property of Calvert County Public Schools and are subject to the same search and seizure laws that govern school lockers. These expectations will be reviewed with students during the Code of Student Conduct meetings as well as when they are introduced to Office 365. We ask that parents provide additional direction at home. As students become more comfortable with the programs provided by Office 365, we expect them to utilize it in a variety of ways that will enhance their educational experience. Thank you for your support!

Privacy:

Microsoft's security, compliance and privacy statement can be found at: https://www.microsoft.com/online/legal/v2/en-us/MOS_PTC_Regulatory_Comp.htm