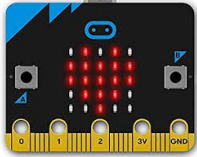Dear Parents,

During the course of this semester, your child will be learning introductory computer programming through the use of a BBC Micro:bit physical computing device in their 6th and 7th grade Computer Science courses.

This device is not required, but would provide a meaningful learning experience connecting your student with their learning.

Blended students who come for in person learning will have access to Micro:bit devices in our classroom. Although it is our goal to be able to provide a Micro:bit for each student to use, we are unable to do so at this time. Micro:bits will be shared among students.

Virtual students will have access to a Micro:bit simulator within our coding platform, but many students enjoy having the physical device to learn with at home.

If you would like for your child to have their own device, you are welcome to purchase one on your own.

Advantages for students having their own micro:bit:
- No sharing!
- Students are able to connect their learning with a physical device.
- Students will be able to continue learning on their own at home through Microsoft MakeCode and other various programs that are compatible with the Micro:bit device, even after they are finished with this course.

If you would like to purchase a device, here are two options for ordering:
- micro:bit v2 Go Bundle - Batteries and USB Cable Included $19.95
  Adafruit.com

- Microbit V2 Starter Kit, Official BBC Micro:bit Version, Built-in Speaker and Microphone $27.88 - $29.99
  Amazon or Amazon

Please remember, students are *not* required to purchase their own device.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
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