



In Nyack Schools, September's back-to-school focus has been energized by **NEW** Technology throughout the District in all schools and our Administration Building. Here are some focal points to keep our Parents/Guardians informed with **WHAT'S NEW in our Technology & Innovation Department:**

**Technology Integration** has provided added communication and safety features for all students & staff:

- **NEW** District-wide VOIP phone system reduces frequency of outages while boosting reliability for daily home-to-school connection and emergency response messaging
- **NEW** District-wide fiber network increases internet bandwidth (4x the previous) at a lower cost and for stronger internet response and performance

**In accordance with our NEW Instructional Technology Plan**, 1-1 mobile device assignment has begun.

**Initial roll out includes:**

- Chromebooks assigned for in-school use to all students, Grades 3-6
- Laptops assigned for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for in-school use and take-home, *with no insurance cost to families*
- Remaining grades will continue to have access to existing chromebooks and computers

**Also NEW:**

- The new phone system allows families to contact Middle and High School teachers more directly through the **NEW** dial-by-name feature with automated attendant.
- **Schoology**, a web-based learning management program, is being piloted by a cohort of 30 teachers and allows students to access class work, materials and resources securely in one place.

**Continue Using:**

- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** to access your child's grades, absence record & school messages
- **School websites** to access your child's teacher contact information and Class Pages
- **Teacher's individual email address** to communicate, *or*
- **Your school's main office phone number** to leave voice mails for individual teachers (All teachers continue to have access to their existing voicemail):
  - **Nyack High School – 353-7100**
  - **Nyack Middle School – 353-7200**
  - **Liberty Elementary School -353-7240**
  - **Upper Nyack Elementary School – 353-7260**
  - **Valley Cottage Elementary School – 353-353-7280**

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:**

- **Keeping us informed** regarding any issues you may be experiencing with our **NEW** phones or technology informs our process for improving our District systems.
- **Contact Darleen Nicolosi**, Director of Technology & Innovation, at **845-353-7040** for assistance with urgent technology-related matters.
- **Contact Maryellen Lydecker at 353-7023** for any Infinite Campus Parent Portal questions.
- **Still Have Questions, Concerns or Suggestions? Contact Us via LET'S TALK!** [www.nyackschools.org](http://www.nyackschools.org)

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we continue implementing these changes to improve our technology and communications with our students, staff, families & school community.