Chromebooks in the Classroom
A Look at How Chromebooks Have Become Integral Parts of South Park Classrooms

This spring, when the South Park School District Board of Directors gave the green light for a new one-to-one technology initiative for students in third through twelfth grades, the purpose was to equip those students with a 21st century tool for their success. Four weeks into the 2016-2017 school year, South Park students and teachers are already enjoying the benefits of the district’s investment.

“What has impressed me the most is how enthusiastic the teachers are to apply what they have learned about Google Apps for Education in their professional development,” said South Park Technology Director Richard Platts. “Teachers are enthusiastic to make the Chromebook a core tool in daily instruction, starting from day one of the school year.”

In Mr. Lang’s high school astronomy class, students used their Chromebooks for several days as part of a research project on constellations. Students can access star charts, mythology, stellar magnitudes and video clips right at their desks without having to go to a computer lab. In previous years, astronomy students needed to refer to their textbooks or work from home. Mr. Lang also says the Chromebooks have allowed him to individualize projects. This helps students to work at their own pace and receive one-on-one attention.

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Pregame Tailgate ★ Pregame Ceremony ★ Eagles vs. Yough ★ Halftime Ceremony

Come join the community celebration as we commemorate the end of an era at Eagle Stadium. Friday, October 28 is the final football game at Eagle Stadium before an exciting renovation project. To celebrate, the South Park School District will honor all alumni who played or performed at Eagle Stadium.

The festivities begin with the *End of An Era Tailgate* in the parking lot of the South Park School District Central Administration Offices on October 28 from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join us for hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian sausage, pulled pork, pasta salad, garden salad, soft drinks and dessert. Tickets are just $5 and will be sold at the October 7 and 21 home football games and at the district administration offices beginning on October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold through October 24. A limited number of tickets will be sold the night of the tailgate.

Then join us before the South Park Eagles play Yough. Before the 7:00 p.m. game, all South Park alumni who played or performed at Eagle Stadium will be recognized during an on-field ceremony. Alumni are asked to gather on the practice field at Eagle Stadium beginning at 6:15 p.m. During halftime, state champion South Park Eagles will be honored. Alumni wishing to participate in the special pregame and halftime ceremonies should email communications@sparksd.org to RSVP.

Game tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Tailgate guests are invited to bring their own tailgating chairs. Alcohol is not permitted on school district property.

If you have any questions, please email communications@sparksd.org.

Pack the bleachers and cheer on the Eagles one more time before the renovation of Eagle Stadium!
Google Classroom has proven to be a valuable resource for South Park students and teachers. In Mrs. Duggan’s High School Computer Applications/Personal Finance course, students recently completed a career research project and used their Chromebooks from start to finish. They began by finding the assignment in Google Classroom. They completed an online career profile assessment where each student selected a career from their profile results. They answered questions about their career on a Google Doc and researched their career online. Then they presented their career research using Google Slides or Prezi, an online presentation tool. The completed assignments were submitted via Google Classroom and shared via Google Cast for Education from their Chromebooks.

South Park seniors are using their Chromebooks for their senior research paper. Students in Mrs. Peterson’s English class learned how their Chromebooks could help them to access numerous online databases from SPHS Librarian Mrs. Finberg. After Mrs. Finberg’s instruction, students immediately were able to begin searching those databases for information about their research paper topic.

In Mr. Oxford’s Language Arts class, 7th grade students use their Chromebooks to practice their spelling words before class begins. In Miss Falk’s science class, students start the day with an assignment that builds on previous lessons.

Students in Mr. Jones’ seventh grade World Cultures class took a portion of their first chapter test on their Chromebooks. In Mr. Anderson’s science class, fifth grade students research the weather in selected cities and hurricanes right from their classroom desk by accessing the Weather Channel’s website on their Chromebooks.

Third and fourth grade students at South Park Elementary Center received their Chromebooks on September 19 and 20. And already, the Chromebooks have become a critical tool. On Friday, September 30, students in Mrs. Cramer’s third grade class took a science quiz through Google Classroom. Mrs. Cramer says the online quizzes provide her with instant data about student performance on each question. In her math class, students worked in teams to add and subtract two- and three-digit numbers by scanning QR codes using their Chromebooks. Other students utilized a calculator on their Chromebooks to check their work.

Students in Mrs. Lesako’s third grade class are also using QR codes to access content through their Chromebooks. After scanning a code, students listened to an online story and completed an activity requiring them to describe the sequential parts of the story they listened to.

To read more about the Chromebook program, click here.
Homecoming Court Announced
Homecoming is Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Pictured from left:
Alyssa Deiuliis
Elisa DeRose
Jaclyn Goldbach
Alyssa Greer
Jenna Stanley

Pictured from left:
Brandon Brewer
Ryder Goob
Leonardo Grohmann
Jordan Kmonk
Zach Palen

21st Century Learning

South Park Middle School students in Mr. Whittington’s Applied Engineering and Technology course have been getting their first taste of programming. They are applying math, science, logic and engineering to teach their robots how to move and interact autonomously within their environment. This teaches students about coding which is quickly becoming an essential 21st century skill.
South Park High School student Haley Sabolcik received a Certificat D'Honneur/Honorable Mention for her scores on the National French Exam in March 2016. The exam is an annual competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students across the country in first through twelfth grades compete by completing a written exam testing French grammatical skills and listening comprehension. Haley prepared for the exam independently as a student in the GATE program. She is currently in French II and plans on continuing her studies in preparation for the exam in 2017.

South Park High School students Samantha Hawk and Carly Cygrymus have been selected for the PMEA Honors Choir Festival on October 28 and 29 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair.

Tyler Brinker and Dan Morgret qualified for the first round of the PIAA Golf Championships. Both Tyler and Dan competed in the WPIAL Individual Championships. Tyler finished second, and Dan finished sixth.

South Park Middle School students who recently moved to South Park were welcomed to the district during a New Student Breakfast on Friday, September 30. The breakfast was sponsored by the South Park Middle School PTO.

Good luck to all fall sports student-athletes as their seasons heat up, and they push for the playoffs! Go Eagles!

Don’t let the Play-Doh fool you! These sixth grade students in Mrs. Baldigowski’s social studies class used Play-Doh for a kinesthetic activity while reviewing land and water terms. Mrs. Baldigowski would give a definition of a term, and the students would raise their hands to answer what the correct term was. They would then create the term using the Play-Doh. It helped the students to engage in a review before a unit quiz.
**Dates to Remember**

**Thursday, October 13**  
Board of School Directors  
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
in the South Park High School cafeteria

**Monday, November 7**  
End of First Nine Weeks

**Tuesday, November 8**  
No School  
Clerical/In-Service Day

**Friday, November 11**  
District Closed  
Veterans Day

**Monday, November 14**  
No School  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Report Cards Delivered to Home Access Center by the end of the day

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**EAGLE EXTRAS**

• The South Park Middle School Book Fair hosted by the PTO and Mrs. Ruscitto will run from November 14 to November 22.

• It’s never too early to get your yearbook! South Park High School Yearbooks are on sale now. Click here to buy your yearbook today!

• If it’s time to start thinking about college, be sure to attend Financial Aid Night in the South Park High School Auditorium on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

• The PSAT will be administered at South Park High School on Wednesday, October 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

• Lace up your walking and running shoes for the South Park Cross Country First Annual 5K Run/Fitness Walk on Saturday, October 22 at the South Park High School Campus Loop. Parking will be at South Park High School. Packet pick-up begins at 7:30 a.m., and the Run/Fitness Walk is at 9:00 a.m. The cost is $20 and includes a t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for top male and top female runner in each age group (ages 10 and up). Register by clicking here. Proceeds benefit the South Park High School Cross Country team. Those who register on the day of the 5K/Fitness Walk are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

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**BLAST OFF!** South Park Middle School students in Mr. Anderson’s science class head outside to launch their bottle rockets.

These are some of the “Go Wild” pictures fourth grade students at South Park Elementary Center created during their technology class with Mr. Legg. Ms. Kolodziek and Mrs. McCormick also used the pictures to teach a descriptive writing lesson during English-Language Arts.