

Using the Chromebook she received in August, Kira Vaske (10) works on an online biology assignment.

Freshman Adam Monaghan and his mom search for Adam's schedule before Freshman Orientation.



During his English III class, Austin Pettlon (11) works on his Chromebook.

At a Chromebook meeting, junior Kate-lyn Mangold, along with all other high school students, receives her Chromebook. Teacher Bev Hermsen helped distribute over 460 Chromebooks to high school students.

Lea Boies (11) and Annie Cassutt (11) practice selling a yearbook sponsorship to volunteer Darla Gaskill before selling to local businesses.

# Back to School Students Get Techy with New Year

In August, staff members distributed over 460 Chromebooks to the high school students. Half were brand new and half were used from the pilot program the previous year. Teacher Nate Lahr liked the Chromebooks because Hapara, a web-based classroom, made delivering information to students much more efficient. "Everyone has Google Sheets now, and it allows the students to work on real-world problems more quickly," Lahr said. During an Individualized Reading class, junior Isaac Johnson quickly learned that teachers had more power with the Chromebooks than he realized. "It took me by surprise that Ms. (Abby) Osborne could see me playing my game on my computer while I was sitting across the room," Johnson said. Osborne enjoyed controlling what her students were doing on their Chromebooks.

"I really like to write my students messages and tell them to get off certain sites," Osborne said. Fourth hour Government students tried sneaking a game by teacher Jordan Pollock. "Everyone in my Government class was playing a game during class when Mr. (Jordan) Pollock closed the (game) tab on everyone's computers," senior Kristen Wegmann said. "The room instantly got awkward and quiet." Teacher Joan Salow used Hapara to make sure her students were staying on task during class. "It is fun watching the students' heads pop up after kicking them off a site they're not suppose to be on," Salow said. However, students have found ways to get around the new software. Johnson, for example, learned a valuable lesson about Hapara: "If you want to play games during class, play them on your phone."



Foreign exchange student Emma Jalkander from Stockholm, Sweden, attended West Delaware for a full school year, living with teacher Janella Neverman. Her favorite experiences were cheering at football games and participating in sports.

Jakub Smitka visited the U.S. all the way from the Czech Republic. Smitka lived with the Juergens family for the first semester. He especially enjoyed TPing with friends and celebrating homecoming week.

## An Exchange of Cultures

## P.E. Students Take Shot at the New Year



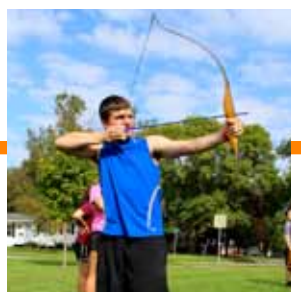
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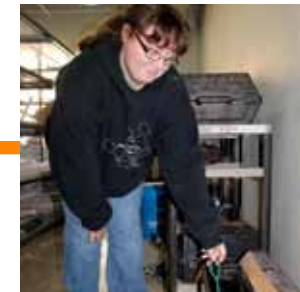
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