

# THE KING'S ACADEMY

Where Christ is King

Dear Seventh Grade Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to The King's Academy secondary family. Technological integration is an important part of our secondary program and we wanted to communicate some information to prepare you for the 2016-2017 school year. We are blessed with teachers that share their passion for the Lord, their content area and an eagerness to experience the technological world with your children. Our knowledgeable teachers use technology to infuse 21<sup>st</sup> century learning into their lessons and provide a rich diversified environment for learning, communication and collaboration while continuing the excellent academic program that has made TKA successful.

Last year your children were introduced to Moodle, a learning management system. Moodle provides a wide array of options for teachers to deliver online content to students and develop collaborative learning communities where students can learn from each other. Students can access learning content, complete and post assignments online, participate in forums, get immediate feedback from quizzes, use glossaries specific to their course content, and participate in other activities that will help them be successful in their content area and beyond. Moodle is widely used in secondary and post-secondary schools around the world.

In an effort to provide the best learning environment for your incoming seventh grader that will be using Moodle, we will need your child to be prepared with a laptop that will allow for optimum participation and learning. **When purchasing a laptop, please follow the guidelines provided below.**

- The laptop must have a **Windows operating system.**
- The laptop must have a **keyboard.**
- The minimum **screen size** is **12.9 inches and above.**
- The laptop should be able to **record audio and video.**
- The battery must last **all-day. The battery life should have 6+ hours.**
- The processor must be an **Intel Chipset Core I-series.**
- The storage on the laptop must be at least **250 gigabyte of storage.**

**Note:**

- **iPads** are **not** approved devices
- **Chromebooks** are **not** approved devices

Your child will also be using Office 365, and RenWeb. We want your child to have the best environment for learning which includes the best teachers, academic programs, infrastructure to support the technology used, and staff in place to support the faculty and students utilization of technology. Should your student need assistance with Moodle, RenWeb or Office 365, you can contact Mrs. Cathy Simons at [C.Simons@TKA.net](mailto:C.Simons@TKA.net) or 561-686-4244 ext. 377. You can also email your question to [techinfo@TKA.net](mailto:techinfo@TKA.net). Questions about device problems will need to be handled by outside sources.

Respectfully,



Doug Raines

Headmaster