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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here at TKA, technology integration is an important part of our secondary program and we wanted to communicate some information to prepare you for the 2018-2019 school year. Our teachers use technology to infuse 21st 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.

Here at TKA, we have adopted the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model. We find that students value their own device and take pride in caring for it. They also get to choose the platform that they feel most comfortable with; PC or MAC. We feel it's a great learning tool and students get to organize their academic life and prepare for the next level.

There are two major platforms that students will spend a lot of time in. Office 365 and Moodle. Office 365 is a suite of products that consist of Microsoft Office applications, e-mail, and cloud storage to name a few. TKA includes a full Office 365 subscription for each student included with tuition. The other platform is Moodle. Moodle is a learning management system that 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, 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 device can be a PC or MAC. 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 life should have 6+ hours and the laptop must have at least 120 gigabyte of storage.
- iPads & Chromebooks are not approved.

Should your student need assistance with technology, please have them visit the technology office located in the media center. You may also contact the tech office at 561-686-4244 ext. 377 or you can email your questions to techinfo@TKA.net. Any issues regarding the physical hardware of your student's device will need to be handled by outside sources.

Respectfully,

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