

THE KING'S ACADEMY

Where Christ is King

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Students,

It is hard to believe summer is upon us again. As the school year comes to a close, I wanted to reflect on the successes that we have had utilizing technology, and update you with regard to the 2016-2017 school year. We have finished our second year using Moodle and the B.Y.O.D. program. Our teachers, sharing their love for the Lord, experts in their content area, and eager to infuse technology into their lessons have succeeded in their endeavors to enhance learning with technology.

Thank you for partnering with us in the B.Y.O.D. program to enrich your student's education. It is exciting, forward thinking, effective and valuable with today's changing technological world. While we are excited by what technology has to offer, Moodle and student devices haven't replaced the comprehensive teaching that has made TKA a successful school with a sound academic program, but rather added diversity by providing a tool teachers can use for interaction, communication, collaboration, research and preparing students for their future.

Students are discussing class content and gaining insight from their peers using forums. Teachers are organizing interactive Web games such as Quizizz and Kahoot to review content which challenges students to be prepared and students have fun in the process. Your students are writing daily and submitting their work through online text in Moodle assignments. A variety of new and exciting things are possible with the B.Y.O.D program and Moodle and teachers and students are benefitting.

In considering the upcoming school year, in the event your child should need a new device, we ask that you purchase a laptop with the criteria listed 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 student will continue to use Office 365, and RenWeb as well as Moodle. We want your student to have the best environment for learning and provide 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 or 561-686-4244 ext. 377. You can also email your question to techinfo@TKA.net. Questions about device problems will need to be handled by outside sources.

On a final note, you and your student will be receiving an email in late July with important information regarding technology information (Moodle, RenWeb and O365) for the upcoming school year.

Respectfully,


Douglas Raines
Headmaster