

OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES

Fall 2007

The Middle School has the availability of two computer labs: one full multimedia lab and one mobile laptop lab. The mobile computer lab has 21 fully functional laptop computers with a wireless connection to the school's network. They can access e-mail, browse the web, and run all of the applications that are available on the computers in the multimedia lab. All labs have a networked laser printer. Additionally, there are several color scanners in our labs.

DESKTOPS IN MS MULTIMEDIA LAB

The Ms Multimedia Lab has 21 Gateway Multimedia PCs with 17" LCD displays. The Gateways have CD/DVD read/write drives and a built-in digital camera card reader (it will read a host of cards, including compact flash, secure digital, memory sticks, etc).

Dell Mobile Lab

We have one "Mobile Lab" with 21 fully functioning laptop computers that is stored in the library. You may sign up to use this lab using your Outlook Calendar software. We advise against scheduling the mobile lab for use when you have a sub. Please use the multimedia lab if you have a sub. It is extremely important that the students are carefully monitored while using the mobile lab and that the equipment is stored neatly when you are done with it.

LOWER SCHOOL LAB

If the two MS labs are being used when you want your classes to use computers, it is possible to sign up one of the LS labs. Check the schedule in Outlook regarding availability of the labs. Students may not be sent to a LS lab for independent work at any time unless there is a teacher accompanying those students. MS students may not use the LS labs before/after school or at recess unless they are accompanied by a MS teacher.

PROJECTORS

We have two projector carts available for checkout. Both carts feature a digital projector connected to a laptop computer with speakers. We're

pleased that nearly ALL Middle School classrooms are outfitted with fixed digital presentation systems. In a year or two, all classrooms will have fixed A/V systems in place.

Francine or Steve.

HEADPHONES

Headphones and microphones are located in the library/lab office. These are often times not in the best condition due to the fact that so many students use them. Encourage your students to bring their own personal set of headphones to school.

DIGITAL CAMERA

We have several cameras for faculty and students to check out for projects. See Francine or Steve.

SOFTWARE

The standard software in the labs includes the following.

- Microsoft Office 2003 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint,, Photo Editor, Front Page, Publisher, and Outlook)
- Internet Explorer 7 (web browser)
- Paint Shop Pro 7 and Animation Shop (image editing software).
- Inspiration graphical organizer software, MicroWorlds Pro
- Content-specific software for classes within academic departments (ex. Geometer's Sketchpad, Library resources such as on-line card catalog, encyclopedias, and newspaper/periodical access)