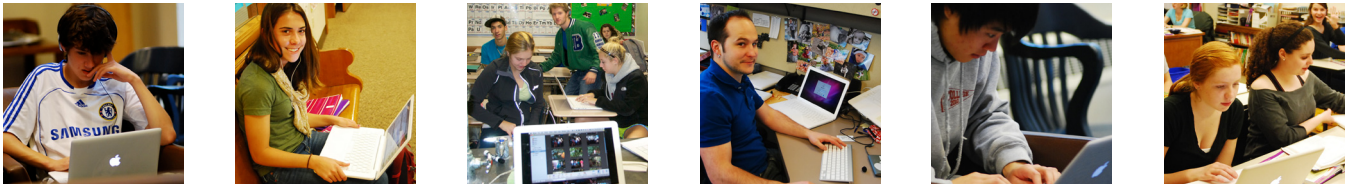




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laptops at the Upper School



Preparing Students for the 21st Century

Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, every Blake Upper School student was issued a school-owned MacBook laptop, complete with software supporting all Upper School curricula, for use at home and away from school. The 1:1 laptop program grew directly from Blake's mission, "to provide students with an excellent, academically challenging education" and reflects the School's commitment to preparing students for the 21st century.

DATES FOR UPCOMING MANDATORY MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 9 10:00-12:00 and 6:00-8:00

Thursday, August 11 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00

Tuesday, August 16 10:00-12:00 and 6:00-8:00

Thursday, August 25 5:00-7:00

Saturday, August 27 10:00-12:00

Why laptops for all?

The decision to move to a school-owned 1:1 program at Blake involved examining a myriad of factors concerning our particular implementation. For more than two years, Blake's Technology Advisory Committee (composed of parents, teachers, and administrators) explored feasibility of such a program, reviewing various alternatives, programmatic sustainability and the impact such a program would have on teaching.

All upper school students benefit from our 1:1 laptop program.

- Improves Learning — Differentiated instruction is more readily delivered when all students have a laptop with a rich assortment of learning tools.

CONSIDER THIS

Summer of 2010, Blake took order of over 700 laptops for students and faculty, filled them all with software (100's of applications), and got them into hands of eager learners and teachers in under three weeks of work.

For student technology support please contact:
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• Efficiency and Flexibility — Homework assignments using technology (Moodle, Internet, specialty applications) can be given with the confidence that all students can accomplish this work at home, thus maximizing discussion and conceptual exploration during class-time. More face-to-face contact time with teachers is possible compared to time spent managing computer carts and moving to and from labs.

• Technology and Information Literacy Skills — Laptop stewardship results in greater skill, comfort and confidence using technology including composition, research, data analysis, production, and understanding of ethical use of these tools. Students keep the same laptop year around for the laptop lifecycle.

• Textbook Evolution — We have already begun to incorporate interactive electronic-based content and “intelligent” online agents in place of some traditional textbooks. This can reduce both the cost of classroom materials and the weight of backpacks, and increase engagement.

• Extends classroom learning — All students are able to access remote files, school e-mail and school software from home thus eliminating compatibility and access issues.

Families of incoming freshman and new upper school students who have not signed up for mandatory distribution and information meeting need to register for a session. Forms can be also found on our web page and on BlakeNet. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Olson, cjolson@blakeschool.org or 952-988-3414. Go to <http://bit.ly/1to1info> for documents and information.



Signup online for mandatory information meeting at <http://svy.mk/laptopmeeting>

Stay up to date on this ever growing program on our 1:1 blog
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