

IT Department Newsletter 15/16 School Year



Technology Update

As we approach the end of summer and preparing for the School Year 15/16, it brings a wide variety of technology upgrades. We will be going into our 3rd infrastructure refresh, upgrading hardware and software to make it all work.

This consists of replacing wireless access points that will broaden the capacity of the wireless and upgrading the bandwidth capacity allowing for the upcoming BYOD and any new wireless initiatives coming along the way. We have had a few setbacks on the implementation earlier, but moving full force to be able to bring this opportunity to staff and students.

We will finish up the installation of the Epson 585WI Interactive Projectors in all classrooms across the district. Please see Atomic Learning for videos on how to use your new projector. This is the best way to obtain your Professional Development on the use of the projector, as it is self-paced and can be used when you are ready to learn. You can now log in using your Neshaminy network credentials, and it will keep a log of your trainings that have been assigned to you.



The newly formed Technology Advocate group is meeting monthly, which is comprised of tech savvy teaching staff in every building that volunteers their time to work with the IT Dept. Their purpose is to help other teachers with the use of classroom technology, share ideas, collaborate and assist in using the tools in their curriculum.



Implementation of Office 365 and the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite of applications will be available to all users from school and home. Everyone has enjoyed the Microsoft District Purchasing program



offered to every employee to purchase the Microsoft Office application. The new Office 365 program will extend that even further in being able to access these applications on any device which will certainly bring learning anytime and anywhere. More information will be coming, please keep an eye out in your email for this information.



The Middle School iPad 1:1 initiative is in full swing, and thing and shaping up to be one of the only district in Bucks County to implement an iPad 1:1 deployment. In collaboration with teachers and administrators we are moving in a direction that will certainly enhance student's creativity, responsibility and digital citizenship. Please see the district website under iPad 1:1 initiative, and follow us through our journey to see students using these devices in their school day.

Some important user information to remember for this upcoming school year.

Youtube will be open to all. This will mean teachers will have to have a closer watch on students when using YouTube. We will be using YouTube EDU, which will allow you all the capability of regular YouTube but with content meant only for educators.

SchoolDude ticket system has been revised to allow for an easier input and less complication on deciding on what your issue is.

WIFI SSID had changed. Due to a compromised WIFI password, we have changed the account information. You may experience some issues on devices that were manually configured. Please see your Building Tech for a resolution.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!