TECH & MEDIA

Intro to Tech & Media for 8th Grade

What is Intro to Tech & Media

Intro to Tech & Media is an 18-week (two 9-week rotations) exploratory class for 8th graders where students will learn the basics of web design, video production & editing, explore augmented reality, and much more.

Classroom Expectations

Students will:

Be Respectful: follow directions the first time they are given, be considerate of the ideas and opinions of others

Be Responsible: come to class on-time and ready to work, bring all materials to class, use technology responsibly for educational purposes, seek help when needed

Be Safe: keep all materials neatly on/under desk and out of the way of others, keep hands to him/herself

Soundtrack of My Life/Summer

Students are well into their first project and are doing great. Students are using their iPods or other music-playing devices in class to help them create a soundtrack to represent their life or their summer. In addition to choosing 8 - 10 songs that fit their personalities, etc., students are providing rationale for each song they choose and designing an album cover to go with their playlist. Students are asked to continue to bring their music devices and earbuds to class through completion of this project. Students will share their playlist, cover art, and play their favorite song from their playlist to the class early next week.

Other notes:

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✦ Students will be asked to do many creative projects throughout their 18 weeks in this course. Due to the creative nature of the class, students will be allowed to bring their iPod (or other music playing devices) and earbuds to class for the remainder of the course. Students will be asked to be respectful, responsible and safe with their use and will only be permitted to use them during work time after instruction has taken place. This is a privilege and may be taken away if it is abused.

✦ Grading for this course will be based on total points earned. Students will complete both individual and group projects.

  ✦ A = > 90%

  ✦ B = 80 - 89 %

  ✦ C = 70 - 79%

  ✦ D = 60 - 69%

✦ Students earning less than a 60% on any given project will be asked to make corrections in order to achieve a minimum 60% score.

What's Next??? Genius Hour...

Students will be given information next week regarding a project that will span both 9-week sessions and possibly some of the time in between. This project is known as "Genius Hour". Students will brainstorm ideas for topics that they have always wanted to learn more about but have not been afforded the time to research or study before. This should be a topic that the student is truly passionate about. Look for more information and a rough timeline to come home early next week. Please be prepared to help your son/daughter in making a choice they will be happy to work on both in and out of school for the next few months.

Questions for Mrs. Clark-Pohlod?

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress in Intro to Tech & Media or about the course itself, please do not hesitate to call or send me an email. The best time to reach me by phone is before or after school. You may leave a voicemail at any time.

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