Dear Parents,

Here at Woodberry Forest School, we believe technology should enhance your son’s educational experience. We are committed to helping our students learn how to live in a computerized environment and use technology responsibly.

Shortly after your son arrives on campus, he will take a class called Ethical Conduct in a Computerized Society. Through this course, and through daily exposure to all types of academic technology, he will learn what it means to use technology appropriately. He will learn that the sanctity of Woodberry’s honor system extends into the technological world. He will be introduced to, and will be expected to comply with, our Acceptable Use Policy.

Your son, like all Woodberry students, will have access to computers, email, and the Internet throughout campus. We have computer labs and we offer wireless access in all our academic and dormitory spaces. Unlike many schools, we do not charge a technology fee.

While it is not mandatory for your son to bring his own computer to Woodberry, we encourage him to do so. The school’s common areas contain enough computers to meet a student’s needs; however, if he brings his own computer to school, he will be able to work on assignments in his dorm room and across campus. All of our dorms have wired and wireless network access, and your son will have access to our learning management system, printers, email, and the Internet from his dorm room.

Should you decide to purchase a computer for your son, we strongly recommend that you consider a laptop. Laptops can be used in the library, in class, and taken to away games and other off-campus events. They also take up less space in the dorm. We make every attempt to support Apple and Windows platforms through our technology department. If you send your son to school with a computer, please send with him all software licensing and warranty information. Here are general guidelines to follow when selecting a computer:

We support the following Operating Systems:
Microsoft Windows 10   Apple OS X 10.12+

While at Woodberry, your son will have access to Microsoft Office 365. There is no need to purchase Microsoft Office for your son’s computer. We do require anti-virus software for each computer.

Woodberry’s wireless network also supports smartphones and tablets. Your son will need to register his computer and other devices before he is granted access to the school’s network.

Please feel free to contact me if you have specific questions.

Sincerely,
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