



Heathwood Hall EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As we get excited for the coming school year, we would like to share some technology related reminders and new plans for the coming year. Please take a few moments to read the important technology related reminders and news.

EdLine (NS - 12)

Heathwood Hall will continue to utilize EdLine as the primary source of communications with our community. All new families should have received more information regarding EdLine and instructions on creating a parent EdLine account and accounts for each of your children (student accounts are only used in grades 5-12). All returning families need to login to EdLine and verify/update the email address associated with your account. **If you would like EdLine emails and private report notices to go to two addresses, simply enter two email addresses, separated by a comma, into your EdLine account settings.** To view/change your account settings, click on the Manage Account link on the bottom of the left column.



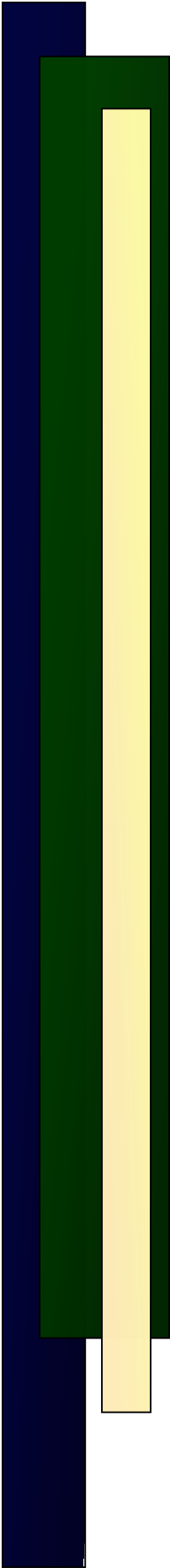
Google Apps (Grades 5 - 12)

The 2009-2010 school year will see the introduction of Google Apps for Education in our Intermediate, Middle, and Upper School divisions. Google Apps for Education is a service provided by Google that is used by schools and universities throughout America. This service will allow students to create and edit documents, spreadsheets, and presentations that are accessible from any Internet connected computer. In addition, Google Apps allows for direct student collaboration through the sharing and simultaneous access of files with other students at Heathwood Hall. The access to these features and the sharing of the student work is limited to students and teachers at Heathwood.



Use of Personal Computers at School (Grades 5 - 12)

While Heathwood Hall does not require or encourage students to bring personal notebook computers to school, we will provide Internet access to students who bring notebook computers to campus for academic purposes. All students who wish to use a computer on campus must ensure that their computer is running properly configured



anti-virus software. Student computers must be registered with the technology office, the necessary registration form is available on EdLine. Students bringing notebook computers must operate them in compliance with the school's acceptable use policy and according to the guidelines set forth in the student handbook regarding the use of notebook computers at Heathwood.

While the technology department cannot offer technical support for student's personal computers, we would recommend that parents looking to provide a laptop for their child to use at school consider strongly purchasing a netbook computer, as opposed to a notebook computer. Heathwood has begun investing in netbook computers for use in different academic settings. These computing devices provide sufficient computing power for school related computer tasks while offering the benefits of full-day battery life, lightweight construction, ultraportable size, and low cost to purchase. Heathwood's investment in netbook computers for student academic use is based on the belief that netbook computers are the most appropriate devices for student use in the classroom. For example, Heathwood has purchased 60 ASUS EEEPC 1005HA netbooks for use in our Intermediate/Middle School and our Upper School in the coming year.

We hope that this upcoming year will be a wonderful and successful year for all of our students. If you have any questions regarding these items please contact Bill Cherry at cherry@heathwood.org.

Sincerely,

Bill Cherry
Director of Technology