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**"School bells are ringing loud
and clear; vacation's over,
school is here."**

-Winifred C. Marshal

**WELCOME
BACK!!**

Digital Citizenship

As you know cell phone use is no longer permitted during instructional time. Cell phones and wearable devices do enhance various aspects of life, but they disrupt learning, encourage cheating, and contribute to privacy concerns and cyberbullying. Educating students on responsible and ethical technology use is one way you can prepare students for a society full of technology. Us in Technology want to see students grow up to be mindful, responsible, and ethical participants in the digital world!



Skills you can teach:

- Think before you post.
- Avoid oversharing.
- Protect your privacy.
- Use more than one search engine.
- Protect and change your passwords regularly.
- Evaluate the accuracy and validity of digital media and social posts.
- Report illegal activity and poor behavior.
- Make informed decisions on how to prioritize time online and off.
- Engage with others online with respect and empathy.



Updated Use of Cell Phones and other Communication Devices" Policy 6.312

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) supports this approach, stating that teaching digital citizenship is essential for preparing students for the future.

MEET OUR TEAM:

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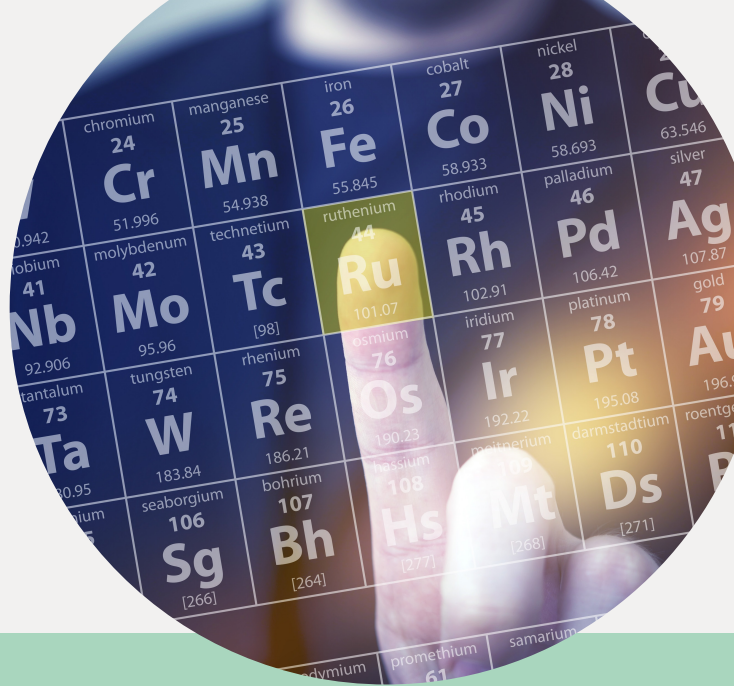


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Technician

"Technology will never replace great teachers, but in the hands of great teachers it's transformational."
-George Couros



Did You Know?

Technology originally made its way into the U.S. education system as a necessity to prepare for an increasingly digital future and as part of its Cold War era competition. After witnessing the launch of Sputnik, the Soviet Union's first satellite, America shifted much of its attention in education to math and science while embracing technology in particular. The Vocational Education Act in 1963 funded technology use in schools. As a result, students learned programming languages like BASIC, and PCs gradually made their way into some classrooms. Decades later, the internet connected computers worldwide; that connectedness revolutionized education and it will continue to transform education! (Pictured left is an overhead projector that became popular in the 1930's for displaying transparencies, which our school district only replaced with interactive whiteboards and flat panel displays a few years ago.)



GoGuardian to Classwize

Get ready for an upgrade! Starting in September, we are switching from GoGuardian to Classwize for classroom management and student monitoring. We chose Classwize because it offers better real-time monitoring, streamlined classroom controls, and an intuitive interface to help students stay focused and engaged. We know changes take time, so we're providing the links below to get you started with familiarizing yourself with the new product.

Classwize Training Resources:

[Classwize Overview](#)

[GoGuardian Features vs. Classwize Features](#)

[Classwize Overview Training Video](#)

[Classwize Learning Resources -](#)

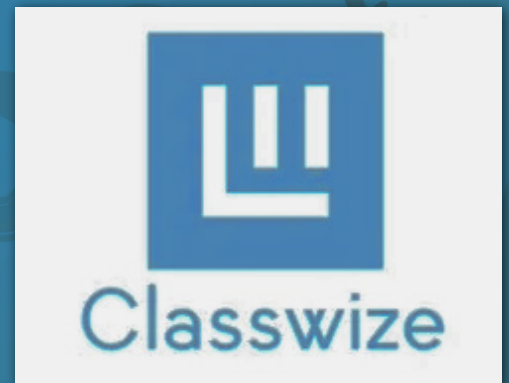
(Which includes On Demand Learning, Classwize Knowledge Link, Considerations and Best Practices, and Frequently Asked Questions.)

[Classwize Help Center and Knowledge Base](#)

We are excited about the capabilities Classwize will bring to our classrooms and look forward to its positive impact on student learning.

Sincerely,

The Technology Team





Student Data Privacy & Programs of Support:

The beginning of the school year is chaotic, so Student Data Privacy protocols are more than likely not on the forefront of your mind! So, here is a reminder that when requesting an educational app, or access to an online program or website, that we must have a Student Data Privacy Agreement on file for integration or to allow for its use. Click [here](#) for the current list of available learning programs of support for the 25-26 school year. Thank you for your understanding!

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[Technology Website](#)

