Library and Technology Integration
Monthly Report

The Technology Department met on several occasions throughout the month of November to meet with the candidates for the position of Superintendent and plan the deployment of the newly adopted Responsible Use Policy. The Responsible Use Policy emphasizes what students can do with technology and focuses on the rights and responsibilities of the user as well as what is appropriate digital citizenship.

Research projects were the focus of the Sports Literature and College Composition classes. Students were investigating a topic of their choice and used online resources to locate reliable and valid information. Dr. Bruneau and Mr. Vallée reviewed Ebscohost, the school database that features access to scholarly magazine articles, primary documents, and news reports. Students explored advanced search techniques and some of the tools the database provides. Both classes also examined the search capabilities of Google Scholar, a search engine that draws on a large inventory of scholarly publications in various fields. Students explored advanced features such as date limiters and the citation count. They then proceeded to gather quality information on their topics.

Mr. Nyhan’s 7th grade Social Studies classes completed their Google Earth project and wrapped up their virtual tour of European countries. Students provided feedback to their peers and reflected on their experiences using Google Earth and the library databases to access information about their countries. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with students reporting they really enjoyed experimenting with the capabilities of Google Earth.

By the Numbers

- Physical items: 279, 16 items a day
- Ebooks: 68, 23% of total
- Total circulation: 347, 20 items a day.
- Homepage hits: 39, average of 2 a day.
- Guide hits, 509 average of 30 a day.
- Database Searches: 7113, 418 searches a day.
- Attendance Before School: 317, average of 18 students a day.
- During Break: 307, average of 18 students a day.
- After School: 132, average of 8 students a day.
- Classes using the Library: 29, average of 1.7 a day.
- Most Use of the Library: English (59%), Social Studies (14%), Math (14%) Science (10%), Math (3%).
- Classes using computers outside the Library: 34, 2 classes a day used laptops.
- Technical help provided: 49, 2.8 per day.