

October 7, 2016

Dear Middle School Families:

This year our middle school scholars have an amazing opportunity to take EXPO courses through the Internet Academy. First of all, these courses are provided online and so the instructors for them are different than the Woodmont staff. Each student has a Chromebook that they can use at home and at school to work on completion of these courses.

Additional time will be required at home in order to meet the expectations for course completion. Each of these courses comes with an introductory letter that describes and explains the expectations of the online courses. There is also a Learning Plan Contract (LPC) that explains what assignments are due each week. All instructor contact information is included on the EXPO Course Modules page. Please check with your student after login to see these documents or tabs for more information.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders explore a yearlong EXPO that includes Photography, Health, and Fine Arts which will rotate every 12 weeks for the year. This allows them an extended time to adjust to online course work. During first semester, 7<sup>th</sup> graders explore Personal Finance and 8<sup>th</sup> grade explores Health and Fitness. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will switch for second semester so that they experience both courses.

There is also an Advisory course that each student is enrolled in. This is different from the EXPO course and is used primarily for information regarding navigating Internet Academy for full time Internet Academy students. Woodmont students should not focus on the Advisory course.

Mrs. Lee, the online instructor for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, came to Woodmont today to provide some extended support for students in order to answer questions and assist students in navigating the program features. She was eager to meet the students and exceptional at answering our questions.

Sincerely,

The Middle School Team  
Mr. Eakes, Mrs. Sevier, & Mr. Harvey