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Woodpile(x)

Know your x factor!

As an AP student, you have a lot of work to do. We want to make sure you have the right tools for the job. So we are excited to let you know about Project Woodpile(x). Project Woodpile(x) is SCHS's continuation of our first official deployment of computer devices directly to students. The goal of the project remains to get a Samsung Chromebook onto your desk and into your backpack for the 2014-2015 school year and measure the impact.

We do not think the Chromebook by itself will make you smarter. We do however think it will give you easier access to your notes, your projects and your classmates. In addition, we know your teachers have tons of content they will be able to cover now that you have a device that is light and easy to carry, has a 7 hour battery life, fast boot times and glides through the web. We think you will get more out of the work you put in!

What is a chromebook?

It is a laptop built for the web. It is basically the Google Chrome web browser with all of the functionality of Google Apps cooked right in.

How do I get mine?

Attached to this document you will find the SCSD Equipment Lending form. Sign it with your parents and bring it back to the library.

What all can it do?

Google docs, the web, study island. The exciting part about the project is we expect to learn with you and succeed!
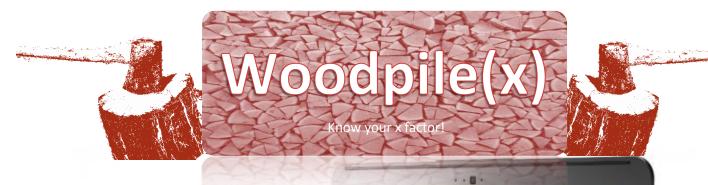
Can I take it home?

Absolutely. Just a gentle reminder that you are still to use and care for the device at home just as you would at school.

What classes can I use it?

Your AP teacher will expect you to have the device ready to go everyday just like your textbook. Check with your other teachers about rooms.

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What's with the name change for the project from Woodpile to Woodpile(x)?

We think technology is a great tool that can help you get your work done more quickly and can connect you to amazing resources on the web.

What really matters though is the person using the tool, and we thought the project name should reflect that. In math, functions look like sin(x) or y(x) or tan(x). The x in woodpile(x) stands for that x factor that we each have that motivates us to learn every day.

Here are some motivational quotes to get you started:

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." ~ Arthur Ashe

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." ~ Og Mandino

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." ~ Henry David Thoreau

"I don't believe you have to be better than everybody else. I believe you have to be better than you ever thought you could be." ~ Ken Venturi

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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Permission to add Gmail and Hangouts to your toolbag

Teachers and students right now don't always have an easy way to get in touch with one another. In today's world when you can video chat with your cousin in Germany and send a message to your friend in California with ease, we want to make it simple for you to let your teacher know you need help. Students participating in Woodpile(x) will test out Google Apps Gmail and Hangouts for students at SCSD to do just that.

In order to have Gmail and Hangouts turned on, we want you to talk with your parents about online messaging and sign this form. As we get started, we will make it so that you can only communicate to other people from Sullivan County School District with your account, but we're also interested to know if your parents would be in favor of us allowing you to email or chat with anyone in the world using your google apps account (say a College advisor, a Nasa scientist, or your parent's work email).

I agree to allow my student to have Gmail and Hangouts enabled for their Sullivanschools.net Google Apps account. I understand that at this time my student will only be able to use the functionality of Gmail and Hangouts with other users in Sullivan County. Additionally I have spoken with my child about the importance of using their school email and chat programs wisely and primarily for school-related purposes.

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Student's Name

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

Survey Question
Would you be interested in allowing your child to contact email addresses outside our sullivanschools.net domain?

[ ] yes

[ ] no