

Technology Report

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Mount Saint Michael Academy has once again acquired new and innovating technology for use by its students and faculty. An additional computer lab and a 42 inch LCD display in the cafeteria are among the most dynamic improvements.

The latest computer lab is located in room fifteen and serves as the Mount's fifth computer lab. Of course, this is all thanks to a kind grant from New York City's Department of Education. The package came complete with a C.O.W (computer on wheels) of thirty-six fresh Dell laptops, a Cisco wireless hub, and a Xerox Laser printer along with a print server. A Smart board, ceiling projector, and full sound support are also present in the lab. The Junior High School is currently using the lab in correspondence to its computer curriculum.

As all of the students and faculty have already noticed, there is a beautiful 42 inch LCD display in the cafeteria which has been made possible through a donation by Konica Minolta Corporation. The display allows announcements, news, and video to be broadcasted during lunch or assemblies. Furthermore, it is controlled by a PC based software called Exhibio, which allows content to be created, integrated, and scheduled using remote access. The use of such an information distribution apparatus is becoming quite popular among schools.

The utilization of these technological advancements has improved the quality of learning and communications within the Mount community. As we progress further into the digital age, information becomes a greater necessity and when demanded, it should appear instantly. These upgrades make such a dream a reality. Since information can be obtained quickly, time could be used more efficiently to allow for more ground to be covered in classrooms. Ultimately, Mount Saint Michael Academy is more equipped than ever to provide an exceptional education to each and every student.