



Welcome to Grade 8 Technologies ... Again!



Hello and welcome to Grade 8 Technologies! I would like to take this time to formally introduce myself as I will be one of your son or daughter's new teachers! Please allow me to take this time to explain what you can all expect for this course.

The Goal

My goal is help create the technical student; a student who can confidently explore the technologies that exist around them while understanding how to use these technologies in their everyday lives. From the basics of work processing and presentation tools to cloud computing, audio and visual creation and the rapidly growing field of Augmented Reality, your son or daughter will walk away feeling confident, and excited, about the technologies they encounter in their everyday life. We will also make OLA a technological school of the future as we hope to "bring the school to digital life". What does that entail? You will have to wait and find out! 😊

Grading

Grading in this course will be a cumulative grade point total. Each assignment will be worth a set number of marks and their overall grade will be the percentage of the total number of marks they have earned versus total available throughout the course. The work they can expect throughout the year will be: quizzes, assignment sheets and solo/group projects. It generally breaks down as follows, however as new trends and technologies emerge they will be integrated as much as possible.

Unit 1 *Microsoft Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)*

Unit 2 *Presentation Software on the Cloud (Prezi)*

Unit 3 *Introduction to Augmented Reality*

Unit 4 *Introduction to Video Production & Video Editing*

Missed Work / Classes

I have built a website (www.mrhebert.org) in order to keep all students and parents up to date in all of my courses. It contains all of the necessary information to help your child, as well as yourself, navigate through the year. Any missing work or important documents will be downloadable from this site as well as a calendar outlining important dates and times. Regarding the website, if you feel there is something it is lacking or an error on the site I should be aware of please feel free to contact me.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns about anything from the course please do not hesitate to contact me at scotth@eics.ab.ca. I also welcome e-mails about anything I should be aware from family vacations to sudden emerging issues. My door is always open!

Again, I look forward to meeting and working with you all throughout the course of this year. Also, again, should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

All the best,

Mr. Scott Hebert

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