

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES REQUIRED COMPUTER PURCHASE



### Tablet Laptop Computer Purchase for the Class of 2010

Technology can make a big difference in student learning and facilitate innovation, creativity, collaboration, as well as individual inquiry. We are excited that IMSA will take the next step in bringing technology into student learning. During this school year, we recommended to members of the class of 2009 a tablet laptop and conducted several pilots. The results of our pilots are positive for tablet computing. Faculty and students participating in the pilots report use of tablets in improved support for multiple learning styles, significant improvement in utility when working with graphical activities, and enhanced organization of notes and materials for students. **Based on this experience, we are requiring all incoming sophomores to enter with a tablet computer and we have negotiated special purchase prices for you.**

This year we require that incoming sophomores purchase a tablet computer of their choice that meets or exceeds the following specifications:

- Intel Core 2 Duo 1.83GHz or Intel ULV 1.06GHz Processor
- 2GB Main Memory
- 100GB Hard Drive
- DVD Double-Layer Burner/Optical Drive
- Wired 10/100/100 Network Port
- Wireless 802.11G Network Card (NOTE: 802.11b will not be supported)
- BlueTooth capability

The tablet must be able to run the following software packages:

- OneNote 2007
- Microsoft Office 2003 or 2007 (Word, Excel, Power Point) or equivalent
- Adobe Photoshop Elements

### **IMSA has negotiated special purchase prices with Gateway, Lenovo (IBM), and Toshiba.**

Information about these and connections to purchase these systems will be posted on our web site at [http://www.imsa.edu/learning/acresources/cns/computer\\_purchase/](http://www.imsa.edu/learning/acresources/cns/computer_purchase/) This site will be refreshed with new information so that you can begin the purchase process by June 1. As you will see, Gateway has extended us the best offer .

We are currently working on software pricing and availability. The software needed is listed above, but we have not finished negotiations for the best deal for you at this time. We have decided to use Microsoft's "back-rev" capabilities which give us all the right to purchase the latest version of the software while using the previous version (IMSA staff will provide students with directions on how to implement this capability.) We have decided to stay on the stable version of the operating system, which is XP – Tablet version, and delay the use of Vista for at least a year, due to its current immaturity and lack of hardware support across the Academy. We are doing the same thing with Office 2007, purchasing the license but then "back-rev'ing" it to Office 2003. Everyone will purchase and run OneNote 2007 which provides significant improvement over the previous version.

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will be eligible to use an IMSA owned tablet laptop. IMSA will review the 2007 Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals, used in determining IMSA

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student fees (The National Programs Application document on the list of Registration Forms), to also determine eligibility for use of the IMSA tablet computer. Students who qualify will be notified this summer.

It is important to purchase your machine in enough time to bring it with you to IMSA when you register and move-in on August 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have an information session available at placement testing at IMSA on June 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as during the two summer orientation sessions to answer additional questions about the tablet computer.

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