

Dear Parents,

This summer we will be asking all incoming freshmen to complete an online course in Canvas, our learning management system. The goal of this course is to help your son become better acclimated to the software and technology he will use on a daily basis. Our hope is that with practice over the summer, he will feel confident using technology as the school year begins.

The course- called “Bombers 2023” - is organized around a series of modules (or units). Each module has a variety of readings and videos, and culminates with one or two assignments that your son must complete before moving onto the next module. Overall, the course should take your son between three to four hours to complete.

Completion of this course is required and your son’s performance in this course will transfer to an English 1 quiz grade during the first quarter. The course will be open from Monday June 3rd until Friday August 23rd. There are three instructors who will be monitoring the students and their progress, so your son may complete the course at his own pace during the summer. Failure to complete the course will result in a zero on the English 1 quiz grade.

Above all, we want your son to feel comfortable using technology at St. Xavier. If at any point during the summer, your son has questions, please contact me at ahensley@stxavier.org. Additionally, we will be holding office hours in late June and early August. If your son has specific questions and would prefer to get help in person, please have him come to the library on one of these dates:

Tuesday June 11th: 9am – 11am; 12-3pm

Tuesday June 18th: 9am-11am; 1-3pm

Thursday August 1st: 12-3pm

Friday August 2nd: 12-3pm

Finally, your son will access the course using the St. Xavier user ID and password that he created during the math placement test in March. If your son does not remember his credentials, please email helpdesk@stxavier.org as soon as possible.

Attached to this email are instructions on how your son can set up his email account. Also attached are directions for accessing the course in Canvas. As the start of school approaches, more information will be sent so you can create a parent account in Canvas. For the summer, please work with your son to observe his activities.

Thank you,

Amy Hensley