



**CHRIST-
LIKENESS**

LOVE

UNITY

EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

DISCIPLESHIP

Why is WCA intentionally **LOW TECH?**

One of the greatest dangers facing young people and students today is the rapid and uninhibited development of technology. Technology, especially in the entertainment realm, such as smartphones, social media, and image editing software, has developed incredibly rapidly over the past several decades. So rapidly, in fact, that while it is known to be detrimental and dangerous, the danger is not fully understood. By the same token, young people and students frequently have unhealthy and detrimental relationships with technology. The Upper School is an intentionally low-tech and tech-safe environment. Students do not use smartphones during the school day. Limited access to chromebooks and in-class media is permitted, but greatly downplayed. This enables students to focus on relationships with one-another, give their mind to their studies, and to rest from the constant social pressures which reach them from their devices.

As mentioned, chromebooks and in-classroom media are permitted. The Upper School is low tech, not no-tech. Students are trained how to use technology, such as their chromebooks, as a tool for research or word processing, while not being beholden to them or overwhelmed by the social pressures they can produce.

Parents are encouraged to strictly limit their students' use of technology outside of school. Teachers are encouraged to limit their engagement with technology in front of students. When the choice is between using a screen to complete a task or communicate a point and using a book or some other low-tech tool, the school will intentionally choose the low-tech option.

