

Setting up the Blog and Professional Gmail

Students will first need a Google gmail account. They should not use the first.last@students.olatheschools.com one - it is for Google Classroom - and it will go away after they leave here. (later, they can also associate that email address with this blog, but not yet)

The new gmail account should be professional - no cutesy names. They should probably write down (in that page in the back of their planner) their username and password. They will use this email all the way up - clients can contact them using this - etc.

Once they have their new gmail, they should go to blogger.com and create a new blog.

Like gmail, the name of the new blog should be somewhat professional. It helps us A LOT if it has their first and last name in it. Like, Mark Olson Blogs! or something. They can name it creatively, but we need to be able to tell at a glance who it is.

Once they are logged in to their blog, they can take a little time to format it - with different themes or colors - or layouts. I have some tutorials on the [eravens blog](#) for later.

Freshmen should turn in their blog URL for us. They need to make sure it is the one in this format: *whatevername.blogspot.com* - and not the big long nasty url that appears when they are editing their blog.