



## Office of Catholic Education

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### Free Resources from the FTC

In the December 2011/January 2012 issue of Learning & Leading with Technology, Jennifer Leach, consumer education specialist in the Division of Consumer and Business Education of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection listed in her article four awesome FREE digital citizenship resources from the FTC.

#### 1. Admongo: [www.admongo.gov](http://www.admongo.gov)

Admongo is a free resource from the FTC that requires children to apply critical thinking skills to the advertising they see in Web Sites. It helps them determine who's responsible for the content, what it is actually saying, what they are actually saying and if the source is credible. The interactive portion of the site teaches literacy concepts through game play. The site also includes free lesson plans, library of sample ads, videos to help explain the game and its approach and other teacher and parent resources. The site is appropriate for children ages 8-12 (although some teachers say they have used it through high school).

#### 2. Living Life Online: [ftc.gov/livinglifeonline](http://ftc.gov/livinglifeonline)

Living Life Online is FTC's newest resource available in print and online. This resource includes short articles, activities, quizzes and ask the expert columns for children. Kids are challenged to apply critical thinking skills to the content they find in the virtual world. This site is helpful to children, educators and parents who want to be sure children are making thoughtful decisions as they navigate the Internet.

#### 3. OnGuardOnline: [OnGuardOnline.gov](http://OnGuardOnline.gov)

OnGuardOnline is a Web Site that offers consumers of all ages practical tips from the federal government guarding them against Internet fraud, recognizing a phishing attack, securing your computer, and protecting personal information. The site includes articles, videos and games for students, educators and parents.

#### 4. Net Cetera Outreach Program

The Cetera Outreach program is a toolkit filled with resources for schools to handout to parents or students. The kit helps anyone give a presentation on online safety. It includes remarks you can customize by topic to fit your audience needs. There are two programs available: Heads Up for middle school - high school age students and Net Cetera for adults. The materials are available in English and Spanish. The toolkits are available through the FTC's materials at [www.bulkorder.ftc.gov](http://www.bulkorder.ftc.gov).



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## Technology Teachers and Coordinators Professional Learning Community

This group is designed to gather in order to collaborate with other technology leaders in the diocese. The main purpose of the sessions is to gather and share lessons, activities, challenges and success stories with other professionals from across the diocese. We have an online forum in schoology. If you would like to be a part of it contact Dolores Bruno at [dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org), and I'll register you in the group. There is no date for our next in person meeting; stay tuned for a date!

### iPad Apps

**PBS KIDS Video for iPad**

**The Four Seasons - An Earth Day interactive children's story book**

**The Magic School Bus: OCEANS Lite Planets**

**NASA App HD**

**Discovery Channel HD**

**Building atoms, ions and isotopes HD, Lite iwritewords-lite**

**Grammar Dragon**

**Merriam Webster Dictionary**

**ABC lite**

**American Revolution: History Challenge Lite**

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## Upcoming Technology Workshops

### Educational Impact Online Courses

Many course offerings to select from at the Educational Impact Academy: [http://www.educationalimpact.com/programs\\_topics.html](http://www.educationalimpact.com/programs_topics.html)

After selecting the course you would like to take, contact Dolores Bruno at [dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org) to register **FREE!**



### Digital Citizenship Academy

This monthly series will provide basic understanding of the 9 themes of digital citizenship as outlined by International Society for Technology in Education (iste). It is our goal to increase specific knowledge of the current trends in technology while discovering how to meet the needs of digital natives. At completion of the academy, each participant will receive a FREE Internet Safety Curriculum. Our first session was in September; the topic was Digital Access. The October session was Digital Commerce. Our next session is December 6, 2011, at St. Paschal Baylon. You can still register! Materials you missed will be provided for you.



### Classroom Curriculum and Technology Integration

This series of after school sessions will address how classroom teachers can use different technology tools to enhance student learning. These sessions are **NOT** "how to" use the particular piece of technology! Each session will be broken down by technology tool and grade level. Interactive white board, iPad and Web 2.0 tool are the technology tools being highlighted.

#### Dates:

\*Social Studies: February 23, 2012

Location: Mary Queen of Peace, Cleveland

\*Language Arts: April 24, 2012

Location: St. Clare School

