



Technology Newsletter



Office of Catholic Education

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Feature

OneCommunity

- **Do you have a need for new computers and have no budget?**

Then Keep Reading....

Do you need new equipment for your classrooms or lab? Perhaps you don't have laptops for your teachers and with the shrinking budget you don't know how you will afford to keep up - **OneCommunity CAN HELP!** Simply call and request any amount of computer equipment with the specs you desire and Green Computing will fulfill (*free of charge*) the request as soon as they possibly can. They will install Microsoft office or copy an image to the computers per your request - at **no cost!**

- **Do you have a lot of old computers, desktops, laptops, cabling, monitors, printers, network equipment, copiers, furniture, TV's, phones, etc. that you need to get rid of?**

Green Computing will responsibly dispose of unusable equipment and refurbish usable equipment. If you have computer equipment of any kind (desktops, laptops, cabling, monitors, printers, network equipment, copiers, furniture, TV's, phones etc.) sitting around your school cluttering it, they will come to your school, fill up a pick-up truck and take it to the RET3 site and dump it all at **no charge.**



What's the Catch?

There isn't one! We tried to find a catch or loophole and there isn't one! The only thing you need to be aware of is the computers will be brought to your school on pallet trucks and you have to connect them yourself. If possible, Green Computing wants you to dispose to them your unwanted computers for recycling. But if you have nothing to get rid of, you can still take advantage of this amazing service!

Interested? Contact Joseph Tarasco, Program Manager, at greencomputing@onecommunity.org

What is OneCommunity?

OneCommunity is a non-profit organization that connects Northeast Ohio's public and nonprofit institutions to each other, to the world, and to leading technology vendors. They offer many programs to both public and non public organizations. Another program they have that I feel schools in the Diocese can benefit from is called OneClassroom. This program offers Internet connectivity to ITCs, a shared community platform to deliver educational programs, technologies, and distance learning to PK-12 schools via a broadband network, a secure, Web-based learning environment and an awesome digital resource library. If interested in learning more about OneClassroom go to their link:

<http://www.onecommunity.org/programs/programs.aspx?id=38>

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Or contact Rich Dugger for connectivity questions at 216-923-2200 or email: rdugger@onecommunity.org or Erin Figer to learn more about the educational technologies resources at 216-923-2200 or email: efiger@onecommunity.org.



Resources

Below I have linked some great resources for you to check out over the summer! I have chosen resources that can be used in the lab or classroom setting.

SAS® Curriculum Pathways® is a free subscription Web site. This site is an online resource for teaching the core curriculum: English, science, mathematics, social studies and Spanish for grades 8-14. http://www.sas.com/images/email/c14354/web_finalhtml.html

Ohio Resource Center was established in 1999 by Ohio legislators to provide teachers prek-16 with Web-based resources aligned to Ohio state standards in math, science and reading. <http://ohiorc.org/>

Resources Continued

AwesomeStories is an interactive site which contains primary source information held in the archives of libraries, universities, museums, and historical societies. The site includes an extensive image database, narrated stories, lesson plans, and text documents -it's a free subscription.

<http://www.awesomestories.com>

Scholastic teacher site offers excellent online resources for teachers and interactive sites for students. The site is broken down by grade and subject area.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/learn.jsp>

DOGONews is an online news and web resource for students age 5-10 and a publishing platform for aspiring reporters ages 9-15.

<http://www.dogonews.com>

McGraw-Hill Biology: Virtual Laboratory is a site full of virtual science labs for your students.

http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/virtual_labs



Media Specialist Corner

Fifth Annual Gale /Library Media Connection TEAMS Award

This award recognizes collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning, increase student achievement and develop 21st century skills. Three winners will receive a \$2,500 cash award, Gale products, a one year subscription to **Library Media Connection** and your choice of professional publication from Linworth Books. Winners will also be featured in **Library Media Connection** during the 2009 school year. All nominations must be submitted by June 15, 2009. Click the link below for more details and the submission form.

<http://www.galeschools.com/TEAMS/>

Funding Opportunities

Grant Goldmine

This site certainly is a goldmine! This site holds a collection of grant opportunities; it's bound to have something to fit your needs.

http://www.galeschools.com/grant_goldmine

Digital Wish Grants

Digital wish is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping teachers and schools access technology. Fill out one application for a chance to win 43 different grant awards for hardware and software.

http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant_awards

Tool Factory Podcasting Grant

This is a chance to win a free Tool Factory Podcasting site license plus all the digital media accessories you need to start a pod casting program in your school! **HURRY**, You must enter by May 15, 2009.

http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_podcasting.htm

also....

by May 15, 2009 enter

Olympus Tool Factory's Student Photo Contest

Submit student's photographs to be eligible to win your share of \$4,000 in prizes.

http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_student.htm

Professional Development

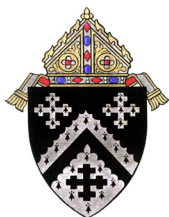
BCL Summer Hands-On Computer Courses
<http://www.bclsite.com> to register.

WVIZ IdeaStream for online and hands-on summer courses
<http://www.wviz.org/index.php/education/>

OCE Professional Development opportunities will begin in August be sure to check our Web site <http://oce-ocs.org/oce> for dates and topics!

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