

# TECH NEWSLETTER



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## Fear of Technology



### LETTING GO OF FEAR

For children, October brings about scary thoughts of ghosts, goblins, and witches. But students are not the only ones that get scared. Teachers get scared too. Many teachers in recent years have been very scared- scared of technology!

I recently had the opportunity to hear wise words from Dr. Alan November at a conference sponsored by the GAR Foundation in Akron. He overwhelmingly spoke of the need for teachers to let go of fear!

Too often we as teachers cannot get past our own fear of something we do not know. This is a disservice to our students because it means that they are not exposed to new programs, thoughts or learnings.

Not to be repetitive, but this is a lesson worth saying again: just because you do not know something, it does not mean that *students* should not know it!

Have a fear of PowerPoint? Challenge your students to create a PowerPoint book report anyway! I would imagine they will be able to use the program effectively, and maybe even teach you a thing or two!

### WE (STILL) NEED YOUR HELP!

Last month we asked you to [fill out this short survey](#). Because it is so important, I am repeating this request again.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

## Tech Coordinator's Corner

When students are exposed to any new program, they tend to be excited to learn what it is all about and see the bells and whistles. Rather than fighting their curiosity, set aside a few minutes at the beginning to let students explore and learn what they can. Then, when it is time for them to use the program educationally, they will already know it!



Often, the technology coordinators and computer teachers at schools are overwhelmed with duties! Why not get some of your students to assist with problems, and let them learn technology at the same time?!

Teachers still afraid of technology? Calm their fears by giving them more knowledge. [Internet4Classrooms](#) provides links to technology tutorials on a

## Professional Development

variety of subjects. Start planning now to attend eTech Ohio state technology conference in Columbus from February 4-6th. This year's theme is [Transforming Education Through Technology](#).



All Diocesan schools can qualify for the reduced group registration rate of \$187 for all three days. We must register soon! Please contact *Moirá Conway* by November 16th if you are interested in participating.

The following workshop is available through the **Office of Catholic Education**

### Math Curriculum Rollout

**Date:** Fall and Spring

**Audience:** All Math Educators  
Come and learn about the new mathematics curriculum and additional resources. Also, gain skills to implement the new curriculum with your students. Sessions in spring will focus on integrating technology into math classes.



The following workshops are available through **WVIZ**

### A Digital Camera for You

**Date:** October 12 or October 24

**Audience:** All Educators  
Learn the complete operation of a digital camera, how to download digital pictures, and how to print and add text to a digital picture with photo editing software. Cost includes a camera and software.

### Put a Palm in Your Pocket

**Date:** October 12

**Audience:** All Educators  
Learn how to use handhelds for yourself and with your students, and how to connect the Palm

Pilot to your computer. The price of registration includes a Palm Pilot for you!

### Jazz Up Your Handouts

**Date:** October 16

**Audience:** All Educators  
Learn how to jazz up your documents with borders, pictures, shading, and creative formatting. Leave with templates and tons of ideas.

### Teacher Resources

**Date:** October 12

**Audience:** All Educators  
Explore different materials online, lesson plan sites, interactive sites, and ways to integrate them into your curriculum.

## Funding Opportunities

Receive up to \$3200 for your school by applying for a **Bruening Foundation Technology Grant**. Application deadline is October 26th.

Get your students involved in video production and apply for the fifth annual **Student Video Contest**, recognizing outstanding student achievement. Submissions are due November 14th.



Enter the **Sharpie Signature Collection Contest** for your chance to win \$5000 in school supplies. Be one of the schools that collects the most signatures to win.



Apply for the **Knights of Columbus Catechetical Media Grant**. Grants of up to \$500 are available for a variety of catechetical resources and equipment.

**techLEARNING.com** offers a Grants Directory and Calendar. Check out the calendar, and a lot more grant information.

The Office of Catholic Education **Educational Technology** page has grant resources and links to grant writing advice.

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