

# TECH NEWSLETTER



September 2007

## Welcome Back



Have you noticed anything different? The format of the OCETech Newsletter has changed, and with a new simple name-*Tech Newsletter!* We hope you enjoy the new look, with all of the same great information!

### WELCOME BACK

As much as students and teachers sometimes dread the return of the school year, it is also a time filled with all that is new! New school uniforms, new classmates, new teachers...

The beginning of the year is also a great time to explore. Visit new websites, try new software, and change the seating and posters in the lab or classroom.

Not sure how to begin your changes? Visit [Teacher Tube](#), a teacher and student friendly alternative to You Tube. Here you can find mathematics raps, foreign language lessons, and much, much more!

As the saying goes, "Change is good!"

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to make this monthly newsletter fit your particular needs, please take a moment to **fill out this short survey**. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

## Tech Coordinator's Corner

Be sure to have parents sign an Acceptable Use Policy before students access the Internet or use school technology equipment. It might be a good idea to ask parents to sign this during an early Open House session.



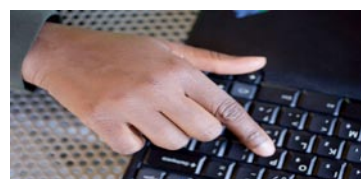
Looking for a safe way for students to search the Internet? You can use netTrekker as a safe, school-friendly search engine.

**netTrekker** is offering special pricing for schools in the Diocese. Visit [netTrekker.com](#):  
*username-* dioceseofcleveland  
*password-* school

For any questions, or pricing information, contact **Dan Richardson** or call him at 877-517-1125.

## Professional Development

### FREE ONLINE COURSES



Sign up now to participate in **free online courses!** Choose from Introduction to the One Computer Classroom or Using Multimedia to Develop Understanding.

These courses, developed by PBS TeacherLine, begin with an orientation session on September 6th.

Registration ends August 30th and spaces are limited!

The following workshops are available through the **Office of Catholic Education**

### Atlas Curriculum Mapping

**Date:** September 10, 11, 12

**Audience:** All Educators

Atlas trainings are being held the week of September 10th. Choose to attend the System Administrator and/or the Analytical Tools Training.

### Technology 101

**Date:** September - December

**Audience:** All Educators

**Technology 101: Building**

**Technology Champions** sessions begin September 4th. These sessions are limited to those who registered in May. Please view the OCE website for information on session locations and dates.

### Math Curriculum

**Date:** Fall and Spring

**Audience:** All math teachers  
Sign up now for sessions introducing teachers to the new Math Curriculum (published September, 2007). Sessions in spring will focus on integrating technology into math classes.

The following workshops are available through **WVIZ**

### A Digital Camera for You

**Date:** September 18

**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:** September 18

**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!

### Internet Safety

**Date:** September 29

**Audience:** All Educators

This day focuses on using the i-SAFE curriculum. Learn how to provide students of all ages with essential tools to reduce the risk of being victimized via the Internet.

## Funding Opportunities

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.



The kids in need Foundation offers **Teacher Grants** which range from \$100-\$500 and are used to fund innovative projects. The deadline is September 30th.

Best Buy is once again offering its **Teach Awards**, awarding schools that use technology. Earn \$2,000 or \$10,000 for your

school. Application deadline is September 30th.

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 their 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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