



Office of Catholic Education

Technology Newsletter



Welcome Back



As late August rolls around, it is time to move into a new school year. I know many parents who prepare for the new school year as though it is a new calendar year. Let's be honest, teachers and students do the same! At the start of each year, there is excitement about all the new changes - new uniforms, new classmates, new supplies. As teachers, we change the look of our classrooms, our decorations, and even our partner teacher or other staff members change from time to time. This year, I am excited to be a part of a change at the diocesan level. My name is Dolores Bruno, and I am the new Curriculum Integration Specialist.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

I have been a teacher in the diocese for 16 years. My career started as a physical educator; however, since 1999 I've been technology coordinator and teacher at St. Francis de Sales School in Parma. I have had experience with both Mac and windows operating systems (PCs). I have utilized Easy Grade Pro and Curriculum Mapping initiatives since they began at the diocese.

Most importantly, I am here now, to help lead and assist you. Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Tech Coordinator's Corner

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to make this monthly newsletter fit your particular needs, please take a moment to contact me at dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org with any suggestions for the newsletter.



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. Remember to have an *Acceptable Use Policy* posted in every room where the students use a computer. Don't forget to have parents sign a *Photo Release Form*!

Lesson Plans & Web sites

The beginning of the school year is a good time to emphasize Internet Safety. Below you will find some sites to help you.

www.cybersmart.org

This web site offers a full curriculum with the scope and sequence outlined for grades K-8. There are lesson plans, games, and much much more!

www.netsmartzkids.org/games/index.htm

If you've never used this site, it is an excellent resource for games, lessons and videos for younger students to learn how to be safe online.

www.mcgruff.org/

This fun website stars a dog named McGruff who guides students with advice, stories and games to keep them from cyberbullies.

Check out the technology curriculum guide for even more links!



Jeff Stutzman with the Office of Catechetical Services is offering Internet Safety sessions for adults! If you are interested in having him at your school, go to www.oce-ocs.org/ocs and click on media resources.

Professional Development



ONLINE COURSES

Sign up now at www.pbs.org/teacherline/ to participate in graduate level **online courses!**

Choose from many different curricular areas.

These courses are developed by [PBS TeacherLine](http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/).

The following workshops are available through the
Office of Catholic Education

Atlas Training

Date: August 26th & 27th

Audience: All Educators

Choose to attend the System Administrator and/or the Analytical Tools Training.

Curriculum Mapping

Date: September 26th

Audience: Teachers/ Administrators new to Curriculum Mapping

Reading/Language Arts Curriculum

Date: Week of Sept. 30th

Audience: All Reading/Language Arts teachers

Sign up now for sessions introducing teachers to the new Reading/Language Arts Curriculum.

Check out [WVIZ](http://www.wvz.com) to get more information on these workshops available this fall!

Writing in a Wired World

Date: Fall TBA

Audience: All Educators

Participants are introduced to strategies using technology to teach writing across the curriculum. Online resource, will be shared.

Google about Google

Date: Fall TBA

Audience: All Educators

Did you know that Google has over 40 free tools that can be useful in your classroom? Learn how to use Google earth, Google scholar, Google images, Google tool bar, and many more features. Find out why everyone is google about Google.

Using the SMART Board for Literacy and Math in the Primary Grades

Date: Fall TBA

Audience: All Educators

This session will demonstrate and showcase the many effective ways to integrate the use of the SMART Board in a primary classroom. Many activities will be demonstrated—including projects and lessons that integrate Ohio's math and English language arts standards. Participants will gain many ideas and resources for acquiring and using SMART Boards in the primary classroom.

Funding Opportunities

The *kids in need* Foundation offers **Teacher Grants**, which range from \$100-\$500, that may be used to fund innovative projects. The deadline is September 30, 2008.

Best Buy is once again offering its **Teach Awards**, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, for programs that engage students by creatively integrating interactive technology into the curriculum. The deadline is October 12, 2008.

[techLEARNING.com](http://www.techlearning.com) offers their Grants Directory and a lot MORE grant information.

www.grantsalert.com is a free service designed to help schools search for educational grants

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

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