

# The Link

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome Back to another school year! The year has already gotten off to an excellent start! I have had the pleasure to visit several schools already this fall and feel the excitement of the new school year radiating through the buildings. I love back to school time!

At the Office of Catholic Education we have been busy making changes for the new

school year. Be sure to check out our new online professional development site. At the site you can view all of the offerings currently planned for the year and register with just a few clicks of your mouse! When browsing the list, you can click on the offering to get detailed information about the session you were looking at. We are very excited to offer the online registration; it will be easier



for all involved! To check out the site go to: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register/>

## Technology Conference

Thank you to all who attended the technology conference in August at Holy Name High School. The day



*Jeremy Brueck - University of Akron*

was filled with a lot of excellent information and resources!

The keynote speaker was Jeremy Brueck. He shared with us how children are "wired" differently than children of the past, and he pointed out that we are preparing them for jobs that don't even exist! Check this video from youtube that really makes you think about the future. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Q75KhAeqJg> We don't always like to admit the

world is changing, but it is and we need to be sure we are preparing our students to be 21st century citizens.

There are excellent resources from the conference on my web page at: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/edtech.shtml> or check out Jeremy's blog "Raised Digitally" at: <http://drupal.brueckei.org/blog/Raised-Digital>.

I also wanted to give a special thank you to all my wonderful presenters, you are all awesome!

## Acceptable Use Policy

Don't forget 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.

## I 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](mailto:dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org) with any suggestions for the newsletter.

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## Internet Safety

I can not stress enough the importance of teaching Internet safety to your students.



The technology curriculum identifies Internet safety under Strand I: Social, Ethical, Human and Catholic Issues in Technology. Students are so used to communicating and socializing via technology that they are not even aware of the dangers that they face. Below find some of my favorite sites to help teach Internet safety. Two sites that offer Internet safety curriculum:

**isafe** - <http://www.isafe.org/channels/?ch=ed>

**cybersmart** - <http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/>

Sites that have games that teach valuable Internet safety lessons:

**Privacy Playground**: [http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/privacy\\_playground/index.cfm](http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/privacy_playground/index.cfm)

**Netsmartz** - <http://www.netsmartz.org/index.aspx>

## Funding Opportunities

I know that your budgets have shrunk and you are always searching for funding opportunities. I have listed some sites below that have some great funding opportunities!

This first site has information on how to write and secure grants as well as some funding opportunities: <http://www.eduscapes.com/tap/topic94.htm>

Top Teaching Resources offers a long list of many k-12 educational grants: [http://www.topteachingresources.com/grants\\_funding.php](http://www.topteachingresources.com/grants_funding.php)

Grants Alert is a grant search engine: <http://www.grantsalert.com/>



## Professional Development

**Office of Catholic Education** Check out our new Professional Development site. You can find details on all after school and day long sessions. <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register/>

**WVIZ IdeaStream**  
<http://www.wviz.org/education/index>

**BCL**  
<http://www.bclsite.com/MenuPages/training-menu.htm>



## Resources

OCE Ed Tech Page

[http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/teacher\\_resources.shtml](http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/teacher_resources.shtml)

Willoughby Eastlake Tech Page

<http://www.willoughby-eastlake.k12.oh.us/classroom/technology>

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