



The Link



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Welcome Back!

Welcome Back to another school year!

At the Office of Catholic Education we have been busy planning for the new school year. Be sure to check out what

we have planned at the 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 title to get detailed information! The site is: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register/>

Acceptable Use Policy

You should have received the new technology acceptable use policy. Don't forget to have parents sign the 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.

Share What's Happening!

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.

Please share with me some of the lessons or projects that you or other teachers in your school are doing so that I can "show-off" your school!

Professional Development for Leaders in Technology

I have planned a year long series of professional development just for the leaders of technology. The series begins with a day long in-service on November 11, 2010 which focuses on 21st century skills of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking skills and communication for the digital age learner. By participating you will gain understanding and knowledge of advanced teaching

and learning techniques. Jeremy Brueck from the University of Akron and Brueck technologies is our main speaker facilitator of the series. Toby Fisch, from Upper Arlington School District, is our other presenter. Throughout the rest of the year there will be monthly online sessions to build from the November session and a final day long event in April. By participating in the series you will

also have an opportunity to be involved in an online professional learning community with other technology leaders from across the diocese. Please go to our website: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register> for more details and to register. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity, and the best part, it's free!

Professional Development Classroom Integration

Also planned for this year, is a variety of technology integration sessions for the classroom teachers. Power Point, Excel, digital storytelling and more. Go to <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oceregister/>

to register and see what's scheduled. Be sure to check the site regularly for new workshop offerings.



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Internet Safety

I know that I have mentioned before in my newsletters about Internet safety, but I feel very strongly about teaching children the importance of being safe on the Internet, especially when it comes to privacy issues. The beginning of the year is an excellent time for this! A site that offers Internet safety curriculum, lessons and worksheets for the students is

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

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

KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online



Funding Opportunities

Because of our shrinking budgets, I have listed some sites below that have some great funding opportunities!

Toshiba America Foundation

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>

At this site you will find ongoing grants for \$5,000.00 or less and time sensitive grants for more than \$5,000.00!

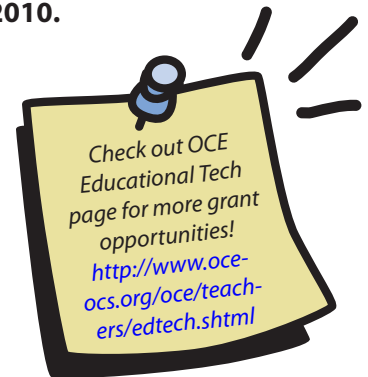
Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Grants that are education-related initiatives that promote the advancement of science, technology, engineering and math go to: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>
Deadline is September 30, 2010.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Deadline for grant is October 16, 2010.



Educator Programs

WVIZ IdeaStream

<http://www.wviz.org/education/index>

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

<http://www.maltzmuseum.org>

Go to the site and see all the awesome opportunities for a variety of programs for all age levels. The Museum also have workshops, open house and special previews of exhibits for educators!



Cleveland Museum of Art

<http://www.clevelandart.org>

Resources

OCE Ed Tech Page

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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