



# The Link

## Welcome Back!

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 <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oc/register/>. 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! Listed below are some highlights of the educational technology offerings for the upcoming school year:

### Digital Citizenship Academy

This monthly series will provide basic understanding of the 9 themes of digital citizenship as outlined by International Society for Technology in Education (iste). It is our goal to increase specific knowledge of the current trends in technology while discovering how to meet the needs of digital natives. At completion of the academy, each participant will receive a FREE Internet Safety Curriculum. Dates and locations are listed on the web site.

### Technology Teachers and Coordinator Professional Learning Community

This group designed to gather in order to collaborate with other technology leaders in the diocese. The main purpose of the sessions is to gather and share lessons, activities, challenges and success stories with other professionals from across the diocese. The first session is September 22 at St. Albert the Great. More information can be found at the registration site.

### Classroom Curriculum and Technology Integration

This series of after school sessions will address how classroom teachers can use different technology tools to enhance student learning. These sessions are NOT “how to” use the particular piece of technology! Each session will be broken down by technology tool and grade level. Interactive white board, iPad and Web 2.0 tool are the technology tools being highlighted.

Dates:

Math: October 25, 2011  
St. Mark School

Science: November 17, 2011  
St. Joseph, Avon Lake

Social Studies: February 23, 2012  
Location: TBD

Language Arts: April 24, 2012  
Location: TBD





Explore the Case Study

1. Read a description of the incident.
2. Read/listen to the voices of the girls and one of their teachers.
3. Participate in on-line discussions about the incident.
4. View video clips of experts discussing the issues.



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## iste 2011

I had the immense privilege to be able to attend the 2011 National iste Conference! Wow, what an experience that was! It was held in Philadelphia PA the last week of June. There were so many opportunities, it was unbelievable! Listed below are a few I found most beneficial:



I attended a session hosted by Facing History and Ourselves (nonprofit organization) on the effects Bullying has on children. The session reviewed the case study they conducted called Bullying: A Case Study in Ostracism. Facing History has created a web site which provides tools for classrooms to launch thoughtful, in-depth discussions of inclusion, exclusion, and bullying. This is a powerful tool to use in your school especially for the middle school age students. Check it out: <http://ostracism.facinghistory.org/>



Another awesome session was Technology Timesavers

Here are just a few: “**Google Forms Quizzes**” <http://docs.google.com/support/bin/static.py?page=guide.cs&guide=27248&topic=27252> which are self-checking quizzes. “**Delicious**” bookmarks. When you go to the Delicious site you can watch a short video on how to best utilize it. **Free graphic organizers** <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>, Random Name Picker [http://classtools.net/main\\_area/template\\_loader.php/?fruit\\_machine](http://classtools.net/main_area/template_loader.php/?fruit_machine) and “**BibMe**” <http://www.bibme.org/> which is an easy way to keep track of resources and create a bibliography.



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