

INNOVATION, ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Joliet will host an all-day teacher inservice at seven sites throughout the Diocese on February 17, 2012. Teachers must register in advance via the Diocesan Website.

The inservice will consist of four sessions. Sessions 1 & 3 will be workshops on specific technology topics. Sessions 2 & 4 will be devoted to guided discussions and sharing with attendees sorted by grade level: primary (PreK-2), intermediate (3-5), middle school (6-8) as well as specific sessions for foreign language, fine arts and physical education teachers.

Space is limited at each school; attendees are advised to register early. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 5:00 PM.**

General Schedule

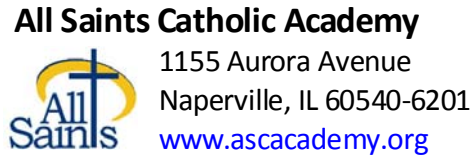
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	Gathering & Keynote Presentation
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Session #1 – Workshop
10:55 AM – 11:40 AM	Session #2 – Guided Discussion
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:35 PM – 1:35 PM	Session #3 – Workshop
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	Session #4 – Sharing ***
2:30 PM	Closing & CPDU forms

*** For Session #4, we ask that all participants bring a copy of a technology-infused lesson or curriculum project that you have implemented successfully in your classroom.

How to Register:

1. Review this brochure and consider all the workshops that will be offered at each site. Choose the site and specific workshops you would like to attend.
2. Go to <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/cso/>
3. Click on **Event Registrations** on the left side of the page.
4. Follow the prompts to enter your name, school, etc.
5. Select the site that you wish to attend and the workshops for sessions 1 & 3.
6. When you have made all your selections, click **Submit**.
7. Print your confirmation page with your personal itinerary.
8. For questions about registration, please contact Rena Shultz at the CSO office at rschultz@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-838-2181.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, 12/20/11 at 5:00 PM



Note: Only All Saints Academy will include a group for Foreign Language Teachers (in addition to grade level groups) for the guided discussion and sharing in Sessions 2 & 4.

A Full Day Using SMARTBoard™

This presentation would demonstrate using a SMARTBoard™ throughout the day for primary grades. Also included is use for opening morning activities, attendance, phonics, spelling, comprehension games, math, English, science and social studies.

Grades Applicable: K-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who are looking for new activities using the SMARTBoard™, SMARTBoard™ users who are looking for even more ways to utilize it throughout the day.

Instructor: Sherry McCarty

Session: 1 (PreK-2)

Making your SMART Math Notebook Lessons Pop

Make this hands-on session will allow participants to learn practical applications for SMARTBoard™ in the Jr. High classroom. Including organization of files, lesson creation, and how to use the various templates found in the Lesson Activity Toolkit to make your lessons “Pop”. The session will also include a demo of the SMART Math Notebook software.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops w/ the latest version of SMART Notebook installed. A flash drive or external hard drive is optional for sharing files w/ other participants.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Math teachers who want to inject new techniques into their lessons, teachers who want to get kids excited about math.

Instructors: Beth Girdham & Cindy Adamson

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

Edmodo: A Tool for Online Posting of Assignments, Electronic Turn-in & More!

This presentation will show how Edmodo, a free site, can help students know what their assignments are, allow students to work at home on computer assignments started at school, and use electronic turn in of assignments. (Students do not need an email account to use this site.) Easy grading, records when assignment is turned in, no lost or misplaced papers. Great preparation for high school.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: All middle-school level teachers, teachers who are looking to foster student responsibility, teachers who want to win the paper battle!

Instructor: Kathy Heitkamp

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

How to use Explore for Learning Gizmos

Gizmos is a Science and Math based interactive Lab for students. The labs are standards based, interactive online programs which engage students in discovery learning in Math and Science. This is a great tool for classrooms with limited science lab equipment allowing students to do more complex activities.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: All Science & Math teachers, teachers who have limited science lab resources, teachers who would like to incorporate higher thinking skills into their math or science curriculum.

Instructor: Trish Patterson

Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Mimio: Interactive Integration for Beginners

This presentation will help teachers who are still learning the ins and outs of Mimio, and how to use it in their classrooms. Lessons will be shared, as well as easy ideas and features to make your lessons more interesting. All participants will get the chance to interact with Mimio and share their ideas and what has worked in their classroom.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who have a Mimio and aren't sure how to use it or what to do with it, teachers who want to share interactive whiteboard lessons with peers.

Instructor: Audrey Krueger

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5) & 3 (PreK-2)

Using iPods in Resource to help the Special Learner

iPods can be used to reinforce concepts, teach new concepts, make presentations easier and help fill in the gaps where struggling learners fail. Have a learner who struggles to get their ideas on paper? Specific apps on the iPod can help. Come and learn new ideas and share some of your own.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Resource teachers, classroom teachers who want to inject new techniques into their presentations, any teachers looking to reach students of all learning types

Instructors: Tammy Kuppinger and Jenna Selvick

Sessions: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

ITBS

This session will provide general information about standardized testing, then demonstrate how to use the Interactive Results Manager (IRM). The consultant will provide useful information on how to make the best use of the standardized test scores.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want to use the data from standardized test to improve student learning.

Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

SMARTBoards in the Primary Classroom

This hands-on session will explore ways for teachers of primary students (K-3) to best utilize SMART Notebook software to create interactive lessons that engage students.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops with the latest version of SMART Notebook installed. A flash drive or external hard drive is optional for sharing files with other participants.

Grades Applicable: K-3

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want to make their lessons more interactive, teachers who want to engage students directly in their learning.

Instructors: Cindy Adamson

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

Using Google to create your own Teacher Website

Do you have an individual website you can access every day, anywhere, and at any time to update and/or change? Are you tired of waiting for someone to update your information on the school web page? Why not learn how to use Google to create your own individual website that students and parents can access? Google Websites are free and easy to use. They can be linked to your school web page.

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Any school personnel who would like to have and manage their own webpage

Instructor: Janet Zilka

Session: 3 (Grades 6-8)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914-1928
www.mbvm.org

Technology in the Classroom: Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade

This presentation will describe and teach various ways to use the SMARTBoard™ that will focus on interaction with students. Use of the document camera will also be covered.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating, teachers who want to encourage student collaboration.

Instructors: Colette Gernon and Joy Watson

Sessions: 1 (Grades 3-5) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

Discovery Education: How to use My Classrooms for Differentiation & Background Building

This is a presentation on incorporating Discovery Education tools. Jana Viano will demonstrate a variety of ways to assign material to your whole class or to specific students to increase prior knowledge and reinforce daily lessons.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are looking for ways to deepen student understanding, and strengthen student retention.

Instructors: Jana Viano

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

Get a New Tech Attitude

(Video streamed from St. Mary Immaculate School)

Experienced teachers often express their frustration with requirements to integrate technology into their curriculum. With a focus on Web 2.0 tools and basic application software, ideas will be presented to help the everyday teacher cross over to the 21st century. Portfolios of student work, teachers' feedback and more will be displayed. These tools will help teachers adapt assignments and projects into lessons seamlessly and help them to utilize the software they are already familiar with in ways that are easy to follow.

Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to incorporate current web tools into their curriculum; teachers who want to learn more about software that they already use.

Instructors: Ami Young

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

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Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Interactive Whiteboards for Primary Classrooms

Participants will gain knowledge of how to create and teach a lesson using an interactive whiteboard. They will learn how to make their own original activities using pictures from the Gallery and the basic tools such as cloning, grouping, linking, animating, and ordering. They will also find ways to plug their curriculum materials into some pre-made templates in the Lesson Activity Toolkit to enhance lessons for any subject or grade level.

Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are just starting out with an interactive whiteboard and need some good ideas for activities and lessons.

Instructors: Chrissy O'Connor

Sessions: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

Teaching the Techie Tweens

Are you looking for great technology ideas to use with your tweens? Come to our session.....we will share great techie ideas, lessons, websites, and activities that will keep your tweens at the edge of their seats and wanting more! Those techie tweens will be impressed with your new techie tools, and you will love the excitement it brings to your classrooms.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Intermediate level teachers who are looking for ways to get the tweens excited about coming to class; teachers who want to meet their students in their techie world.

Instructors: Gabby Francis & Amy Krier

Session: 3 (Grades 3-5)

The use of 1:1 Technology in the Science Classroom

This session will delve into the use of 1:1 laptop wireless technology in the science classroom. Teachers will explore lesson plans that use e-assignments, e-books, interactive websites, SMART board simulations, laboratory e-reports, and interactive study tools. The EXAMVIEW computer testing program will be demonstrated to show teachers how they can streamline their assessment process.

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers looking to use technology as an integral part of the classroom.

Instructor: Rhonda Smith

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

St. Mary Elementary School (Mokena)



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Mokena, IL 60448-3203
www.stmarymokena.org

Learning 1:1

This session will provide effective web resources and interactive activities geared, but not limited to 1:1 laptop learning. Participants will learn how their students can organize, access & share documents and projects online.

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating; teachers who want to encourage student collaboration; teachers in a school with a 1:1 laptop program.

Instructor: Mary White

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

Techercise

Presenters will share 2nd through 8th grade utilization of technology in the classroom including SMARTBoard™, Windows Movie Maker, Blabberize, Photostory and other applications. Teachers will leave with creative applications across the curriculum.

Grades Applicable: PreK-8

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers looking for ways to wake up a "tired lesson", teachers wanting to make learning more interactive and student-centered, teachers trying to reach students of all learning styles.

Instructor: Joy Juozaitis & Louann Rizos

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

SMARTBoard™ for SMARTIES

This workshop will help teachers enhance their classroom presentations using the different options available in SMARTBoard™.

Grades Applicable: K-6

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating, teachers who want to engage students and encourage collaboration.

Instructors: Cathy Kowalczyk & Loni Neumann

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

PaperShow

This is a presentation on the classroom use of the PaperShow. PaperShow is a Bluetooth pen and pad which project through the computer onto a whiteboard or screen. It can be used to present notes, math problems and a highlighter/marker on maps and diagrams.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Anyone interested in this affordable tool, teachers who would like to project their notes, diagrams, and other media to the entire classroom, teachers looking to get away from chalkboards and overhead projectors.

Instructor: Kathy Winters

Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Google Apps for Teachers

New to the Google Apps suite? In this session, you will learn how to organize your email more effectively in Gmail; create shared calendars in Google Calendars, collaborate with others online using Google Documents, develop and collect surveys using Google Forms; and use Google Sites to create dynamic websites.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who are always looking for ways to keep organized and collaborate with peers; teachers who want to create a website easily.

Instructor: Brian Skibinski, Technology Director at Palos Heights School District 128

Session: 1 (Gr. 3-5) & 3 (Gr. 6-8)

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Oh, the Places You Will Go!

Dr. Seuss isn't the only one that can take you places! With these techie tools in your hand, you will take your children beyond the walls of your classroom and take student learning and engagement to a whole new level. After our session, you will race back to your classrooms filled with techie tools that will really take you places! *"Will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed. (98 3/4% guaranteed.)"*

Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating; teachers who want to go places!

Instructor: Denise Bibby & Mary White

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

St. Mary Immaculate Parish School



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Plainfield, IL 60544-2695
www.smip.org/school/

Clickers

Second grade teachers, Leanne and Diane, will show you how to use clickers in the classroom from tests to games. Students use clickers for multiple choice tests and math games.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Middle school teachers who want to teach students the basics of computer programming; teachers who want to use computer programming to teach logic, problem solving and algorithms.

Instructors: Leanne Buhr and Diane Ratajczak

Session: 1 (PreK-2)

Global Projects

Technology teachers Catriona and Theresa will show you several global collaborative projects including the iCollaboratory and Flat Classroom projects. These programs can enhance your curriculum and get you and your students connect with classrooms around the world. They will also show you Web 2.0 tools used in the projects.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to encourage students to become global citizens.

Instructors: Catriona Lynch and Theresa Allen

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5)

Skype/Twitter

Social Studies/Language Arts teacher Ryan Wolcott uses Twitter to connect with educators around the world and find valuable resources for his classroom. Technology teacher Valerie Bartholomew uses Skype to help her students visualize those she communicates with. She will show you how easy it is and how her students benefit from it. This adds yet another dimension to her classroom.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to use the latest in social networking tools in their classrooms; teachers who want to encourage their students collaborate with peers and experts; teachers who want to create their own personal library of educator resources.

Instructors: Valerie Bartholomew and Ryan Wolcott

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

The Monster Project

Fourth grade teachers Renee Gambino and Shari Molskness along with Art Teacher, Karen Latz, will show how they participate in the global collaborative Monster Project with their students. They'll show you ways they've integrated the program in their curriculum as well as the final product!

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to encourage their students' collaboration with local and global peers and others.

Instructors: Renee Gambino, Shari Molskness, and Karen Latz

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5)

Programming with Scratch

Scratch is a free web-based program developed at M.I.T. to teach computer programming to grade school students. Students can build games, interactive presentations, and more. Examples, lesson plans, and more will be provided

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Middle school teachers who want to teach students the basics of computer programming; teachers who want to use computer programming to teach logic, problem solving and algorithms.

Instructor: Pete Farina

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

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Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to incorporate current web tools into their curriculum; teachers who want to learn more about software that they already use.

Instructors: Ami Young

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

Tips for New Techs

You may be new at handling the technological issues in your school, or you may have been around a while and just want your memory jogged. Two techs will give pointers and recommendations for handling a variety of issues from network problems to printers.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Anyone who needs to troubleshoot or set up any part of their school's technology infrastructure.

Instructors: Jackson Brunsting and Bill Reece

Session: 3

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Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Landmarks Games Project & Mystery State Skype Project

This presentation will provide classrooms teachers with information about two great Social Studies/Geography projects for students in 5th - 8th grades. In each of the projects, the students follow clues to find the certain state or landmark.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Intermediate and middle school social studies teachers who want to inject some new ideas into the study of United States and geography.

Instructor: Connie Kabellis

Session: 3 (Grades 3-5)

Global Read Aloud

Second grade teachers will show how they participated in the Global Read Aloud using the book, Flat Stanley. They communicated with a classroom via Skype and Edmodo. The students listened to the story of Flat Stanley and discussed elements and chapters with their Skype and Edmodo buddies.

Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to incorporate current social networking tools into their curriculum; teachers who want to encourage global citizenship and student collaboration.

Instructors: Leanne Buhr and Diane Ratajczak

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

Projects to Flatten Your Classroom

This presentation will provide classrooms teachers with ways to flatten their classroom walls and to collaborate in a new and meaningful way. The project will show you ways to stay connected and what projects you can join to collaborate with classrooms from around the world.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Intermediate and middle school level teachers who want to encourage students to become global citizens, to collaborate with peers across the globe.

Instructor: Theresa Allen & Catriona Lynch

Sessions: 3 (Grades 6-8)

FREE Web Tools that can be used in your Classroom

Participants will learn about free web tools to use with their students.

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating, teachers who want to invigorate a less-than-exciting unit, teacher who want to use web tools to engage students.

Instructor: Jennifer Errthum & Valerie Bartholomew

Session: 3 (Grades 6-8)

Flipped Classroom

Learn how easy it is to flip your classroom. The Flipped Classroom inverts traditional teaching methods, delivering instruction online and moving "homework" into the classroom. Teachers create approx. 3 videos a week. Students watch the 5-7 minute videos at home, or at school if they do not have internet access. Class time is spent doing labs or interactive activities to illustrate the concepts. Classroom teachers Jenny and Jeannine will show you how easy the whole process is.

Grades Applicable: 6-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who would like to create a more active, student-centered classroom, where students are busy "doing" during the school day.

Instructor: Jenny Cederberg and Jeannine Schonta

Session: 3 (Grades 6-8)

St Philip the Apostle



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Note: Only St. Philip will include a group for Physical Education Teachers (in addition to grade level groups) for the guided discussion and sharing in Sessions 2 & 4.

Mother's Day Biography-Cross-curricular Project: Surprise! This is Your Life!

What mother doesn't like to see her family on screen? For Mother's Day each year, teacher Carol Albreski has her students write a biography of their mother's life. This project includes a variety of steps, leading to a finished product that includes a written biography and a power point presentation which includes family photos. Students present the project to their families near Mother's Day.

Grades Applicable: 3-5

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to include a variety of academic subjects in a capstone project; teachers who would like students to learn how to manage a large project with many steps; teachers who know what tugs at a mother's heart!

Instructor: Carol Albreski & Ginnie Godinez

Session: 1 (Gr. 3-5)

Social Networking for Professional Development and with Students

Participants will be introduced to the free social networking site Edmodo, which can be used as a professional learning community and also a platform to work with students. Consider it a Facebook for educators. As a teacher you can post assignments, grades, videos, and have online discussions with your students, or fellow educators. Learn more about this wonderful tool for collaboration.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who are looking to teach students proper online behavior, foster student responsibility, teachers who want to win the paper battle, teachers who would like to collaborate electronically with colleagues.

Instructor: Megan McCoy

Session: 1 (Gr 6-8) & 3 (Gr. 6-8)

iPads in the Classroom

This presentation will demonstrate iPad's and the integration in the classroom. Instructor Patrick Healy will also show different ways of using the iPad as a one-to-one classroom.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Anyone interested in this exciting new tablet technology!

Instructor: Patrick Healy

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (Gr. 6-8)

Technology All Day

A look into how interactive whiteboards, student response systems, and technology in general are used throughout the day to enrich the curriculum.

Grades Applicable: K-2

Especially recommended for: Teachers who use some technology now, but want to take it up a notch and go to the next level.

Instructor: Liz Driscoll

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

SMARTBoards™ in the Science & Social Studies classroom

Presenter Patricia Nelson will explain how she creates and modifies SMARTBoard™ lessons in Science and Social Studies.

Grades Applicable: 3-5

Especially recommended for: Teachers who know how to create SMARTBoard™ lessons, but would like to see how to go even further with them.

Instructor: Patricia Nelson

Session: 1 (Gr. 3-5) & 3 (Gr. 3-5)

A Media Arts Approach to Religion

The object is to help students make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer through meditating upon Christ's suffering and death. Though students understand the stations it is hard for them to apply it to their own lives and see how Jesus is present at all times.

In this project each student will be assigned a station, research it, and interpret how Jesus' suffering is around them today. Through the use of Photoshop, they will create a poster of their station by merging a least 5 pictures. Their final piece should feel the passion of Jesus with the relevance of today.

Once their artwork is completed the students will write a paper in Religion class describing the station, how they chose to represent their station, and how their station relates to them personally.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to address their students' multiple intelligences, and also want students to take ownership of their Catholic faith.

Instructor: Mary Prena & Sara Lasica

Session: 1 (Gr. 3-5) & 3 (Gr. 6-8)

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Sessions: 1 (Gr. 3-5) & 3 (Gr. 6-8)

MIMIO

We will be using the MIMIO teach product which is a piece of hardware that converts a white board into a SMARTBoard™ . We will be doing a lesson targeted for PreK-2 students. We will be showing beginning-of-the-day and end-of-the-day lessons, lessons targeted for number and alphabet recognition, Venn diagrams, how to capture images, how to link to the Internet, how to convert writing to text, and much more.

Kristi uses a SMARTBoard™ and has literally 1000 files in her repertoire. You can open a Smart Notebook file in Mimio and it works beautifully. You can also open a Promethean flipchart file and Blackboard files, Word and PowerPoint files to name a few.

Grades Applicable: PreK-4

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who are looking for a cost-effective alternative to a SMARTBoard™; teachers who want to engage primary students through technology while still concentrating on academic skills.

Instructor: Lisa Fitzpatrick & Kristie Bertie

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

St. Raphael Elementary School



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Note: Only St. Raphael will include a group for Fine Arts Teachers (in addition to grade level groups) for the guided discussion and sharing in Sessions 2 & 4.

Dropbox

Dropbox is a free application that lets you bring all your photos, docs, and videos anywhere. This means that any file you save to your Dropbox will automatically save to all your computers, phones and even the Dropbox website. Dropbox is another way to save your work securely and doesn't cost a thing. Learn how to save your work at school and retrieve it at home on your own computer!

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: All over-achievers who frequently need to take electronic files between home and school.

Instructors: Mary L. Buchler & Sue Kuehl

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5) & 3 (PreK-2)

Technology Integration that will Encourage Creativity & Develop Communication & Critical Thinking Skills in a Global Era

This presentation will show you ways to integrate Web 2.0 tools such as Animoto, Edmodo, Kidblog, Glogster, and Prezi into your classroom curriculum.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who are always looking for ways to keep their lessons fresh and stimulating, teachers who want to invigorate a less-than-exciting unit, teacher who want to use web tools to engage students.

Instructor: Ann Labak

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Creating SMARTBoard™ Magic in the Primary Classroom

Participants will be given a brief review of the basic SMARTBoard™ functions. The remainder of the presentation will focus on incorporating engaging SMARTBoard™ activities into the core curriculum using the common core standards. Participants will be able to copy the presentation onto their own flash drive.

Grades Applicable: K-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to make their lessons more engaging, primary teachers who want to learn more about SMARTBoard™ activities.

Instructor: Jennifer Timmons

Session: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

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Sessions: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 3-5)

Microsoft Office Competency

The session entails using Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel and Word in a multileveled project. The project has the students using some simple aspects of Excel, incorporating them into PowerPoint and then if desired, using both items in a Word document. It is used to show that the student is competent in these three aspects of Microsoft Office, and knows how to do research on the web. Copy and paste is used along with other items based on web competency.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to make sure their students are competent in this popular productivity suite of software and ready for high school work.

Instructor: Douglas Slavin

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

Robotics

“Developing Software for Developing Minds” In this program, students in groups of three or four are given a Legos “roverbot” and a set of tasks to accomplish. The students use robotics lab software on portable laptops to develop routines that solve the task, which involves processing sensors and motors to get the job done. The exercises are progressively harder and then are eventually strung together by the teams in a timed competition. The intention is to get kids stoked in science and introduce them to the basic concepts of software engineering. Come and join this presentation to learn how to get your students to think “outside the box!”

Grades Applicable: 5-8

Especially recommended for: Teachers who want to incorporate critical thinking and problem solving skills into their curriculum; teachers who want to excite kids about science!

Instructor: Mr. Bob Burns

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

There’s a Tech Tool for You!

Let's take a look at engaging students through the use of technology in the classroom. Whether you have a SMART board, computers, iPads, or access to a computer lab, there is something for everyone! I will show some of what I do in third grade and spend some time taking questions and helping you to find creative ways to incorporate technology into your students' learning using the resources at your school.

Grades Applicable: K-5

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to make their lessons more engaging, more fun and more stimulating.

Instructor: Lisa Brown

Session: 3 (Grades 3-5)

Exploring Technology in the Primary Classroom

This workshop will explore the use of technology to access the many diverse learning styles within your classroom. It will offer many ideas on ways to engage the youngest learners in active learning throughout the school day. Ideas for many areas of the curriculum, including: Science, Social Studies, Math, Reading and Writing.

Grades Applicable: PreK-2

Especially recommended for: Primary teachers who want to make their lessons more engaging, more fun and more stimulating.

Instructors: Karyn Barenbrugge & Shannon Mayor

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

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Smart Tips for SmartBoard

This workshop is simply a demonstration of a variety of activities using the SmartBoard. These activities will make your lessons more interactive.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Teachers who are looking to make their classrooms more student-centered, teachers who want to peak student interest with interactive lessons.

Instructor: Karen O'Donohue

Session: 1 (PreK-2)

Using Senteo Responders in the 4th Grade for Review, Assessment, & Fun

This workshop gives an explanation and demonstration of Senteo Responders with Smartboards. It includes hands-on use of responders and offers participants ideas of ways to use in class.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: All grade school level teachers who are looking for a new way to assess student learning and mastery.

Instructor: Laurie Gustafson

Session: 1 (Grades 3-5)

Glogster EDU 2.0

Participants will learn how to create GLOGS - online multimedia posters - with text, photos, videos, graphics, sounds, drawings, data attachments and more.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want to provide students another way to present information other than powerpoints and papers; teachers who want to address multiple learning styles with a student project; teachers who want to present material to students with a variety of media.

Instructors: Jackie Osterhout

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

Problem-Based Learning in Grades 3-8

This presentation will provide a general overview of the foundation for creating a problem-based learning opportunity for students. We will review the steps for developing the problems and information that offers support for moving through the process. Included will be ideas for starting problems at various grade levels from 3 through 8.

Grades Applicable: Grades 3-8

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want more information on PBL; teachers who strive to make learning meaningful for students.

Instructors: Cathy Linley & Laura Bedore

Session: 1 (Grades 6-8)

Traveling the Globe Without Leaving the Classroom

From airport boarding to landing and sightseeing, use your Smart Board to take your class on a virtual vacation. This mini-unit covers academic subjects across the curriculum and can be adjusted to accommodate various learning levels.

Grades Applicable: K-2

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want to present material to students with a variety of media, teachers who need to address multiple learning levels within one class.

Instructors: Judy O'Sullivan

Sessions: 1 (PreK-2) & 3 (PreK-2)

ITBS

This session will provide general information about standardized testing, then demonstrate how to use the Interactive Results Manager (IRM). The consultant will provide useful information on how to make the best use of the standardized test scores.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers who want to use the data from standardized test to improve student learning.

Sessions: 1 (Grades 3-5) & 3 (Grades 6-8)

Tips for New Techs

You may be new at handling the technological issues in your school, or you may have been around a while and just want your memory jogged. Two techs will give pointers and recommendations for handling a variety of issues from network problems to printers. (*NOTE: This session will be streamed live from St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield.*)

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Anyone who needs to troubleshoot or set up any part of their school's technology infrastructure.

Instructors: Jackson Brunsting and Bill Reece

Session: 3 (Grades 6-8)

SmartBoards for Beginners

Quite simply, this is a hands-on introduction on how to use a SmartBoard, an interactive whiteboard which allows you to deliver dynamic lessons, write in digital ink, and save your work.

Grades Applicable: All

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers with little or no experience using a SmartBoard.

Instructors: Jodi Nebbia

Session: 3 (PreK-2)

iPads in the elementary classroom

Learn about the latest trend in the digital classroom – the iPad. This session will focus on digitally enhancing your lessons using the iPad and discussing the many apps that are available to reach each one of your students. Whether you have one iPad or a classroom full of iPads, this session is for you.

Grades Applicable: PreK-3

Especially recommended for: Classroom teachers with little or no experience using an iPad.

Instructors: Cindy Fairchild

Session: 3 (Grades 3-5)

ALEKS® in the Math Classroom

Sue Robinson, Math Teacher at St. Isidore School, will demonstrate how to use ALEKS® in the math classroom. She will also show how she uses the data she collects to drive instruction. She will entertain any questions you might have about implementing ALEKS® in your building or classroom.

Grades Applicable: 3-8

Especially recommended for: Math teachers who want to make the most of their ALEKS® subscription; math teachers who are looking for ways to support instruction and provide students with additional tools to reach mastery of math concepts.

Instructors: Sue Robinson

Session: 3 (Grades 3-5)