



## *Technology Update*

Dear Parents,

May 2011

Change is in the air. With spring comes a change of seasons, with spring comes anticipation of summer vacations. Here at Pres, with spring comes the foresight into the next school year. Where are we with technology and where do we need to go? It was discovered several months ago that our second and third floor computers were starting to have issues utilizing the server. After much investigation and discussion it was decided that we need to upgrade our network infrastructure and replace our aged server. We have three proposals, they range in dollar amounts of \$15,500 to \$23,000. We are in the process of negotiating with companies. A member of the tech team, an alumni, is able to have some of the needed hardware donated by his company. For this we are very grateful. Check the school web site or Facebook page these coming weeks for updates on this situation.

Another upgrade we will incur is an increase in our bandwidth for Internet usage. We will contract with Comcast Business Class Internet Services. There will be a monthly charge of \$64.95 for this service.

With these new improvements we are hopeful that there will be seamless usage of technology. Our students utilize technology to gain the skills to be lifelong learners and workers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The students are using a wide range of resources to enhance learning through educational technology. Some resources include the use of Photo Story, Microsoft Movie Maker, Wikispaces, Skype, and other Web 2.0 tools.

Please be aware that we are continually looking for funding options for technology. Several weeks ago a letter went home in the family communication asking parents to check with their employers about grants, matching grants, or any other type of funding/donations they may offer. We also do a letter writing campaign to businesses in October of each year, requesting monetary donations. We are currently looking to revitalize a grant team. Anyone with grant making background, writing skills, computer skills, (effectively search the internet with specific key words), imagination, vision or a willingness to help please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return to school.

We are utilizing iGive.com. There is an iGive link and more information available on the Presentation BVM School web page. When doing your online shopping, simply click through the link on our web page, register with iGive and designate Presentation BVM School as your cause. Pres will receive a percentage of the purchase. After registration on iGive, you can directly access the iGive web site for shopping.

[www.presentationbvm.org/school](http://www.presentationbvm.org/school)

This is an easy fundraiser for our school. iGive also utilizes iSearch. Whenever you do a search using iSearch you generate funds for Presentation BVM School.

We also have Wawa shortie hoagie certificates available at the scrip office. We recycle ink cartridges, check out the web page for a list of accepted cartridges. Coming in the fall ~ Football Frenzy! In October we will participate in the "Computers for Education" program.

Technology is ever changing and Pres is proud of the technological advances we have made. All of this progress is made possible in part by the technology team. This is a group of people dedicated to the advancement of technology throughout the school and for the betterment of our students. The team meets on a monthly basis. Meetings generally revolve around the overall technology goals of the school and the plans to help achieve these goals. Planning, fund-raising, grant writing, hardware/software acquisitions, installation/reconfiguration of PC's, and communication are among some of the many items that are discussed at these meetings. If you are interested in enhancing technology for your child or to help out in any way, please contact Mrs. Rocks at [techteacher@comcast.net](mailto:techteacher@comcast.net) On the job training provided😊

We are very grateful for all that is done for our students at Presentation BVM School. It is obvious that much pride and love is within our parish/school community. Thank you for all that you do to carry on this tradition.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trudy A. Rocks  
Technology Coordinator  
[techteacher@comcast.net](mailto:techteacher@comcast.net)  
[www.presentationbvm.org/school](http://www.presentationbvm.org/school)



Become our fan on Facebook

If you would be interested in helping with grants, please complete the form below. You may call school 215.379.3798 or contact Trudy Rocks at [techteacher@comcast.net](mailto:techteacher@comcast.net)



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_