

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

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Once again **PRES** is on the move with technology!! Last year we were able to provide our faculty with laptops. This past spring we were awarded a Connelly grant. This grant provided us with eight ceiling mounted projectors and two laptops. Over the summer the projectors were installed along with the necessary electric. Part of the Connelly grant is a technology course provided on site. Many faculty members are attending five classes every other week for three hours. These classes are held after school. The faculty is to be commended for making a commitment to this program and giving so freely of their time. The course will focus on integrating the curriculum and technology in the classroom. The knowledge acquired from the class will have a distinct, positive effect on our students.

We are truly blessed to have teachers that are ready, willing, and able to embrace new teaching methods and technology.

Our next focus is to purchase and install interactive Smart boards in classrooms. This allows the teacher whole class instruction utilizing the laptop and technology. Again this year, we have *United Streaming* available. "*United Streaming* provides thousands of developmentally appropriate videos, images, and related resources and makes learning accessible, manageable, and fun".

At the end of last year, we were fortunate enough to receive a computer donation of twenty HP Pentium IV desktop computers and twelve Gateway laptops. The desktops have been used to replace the old, failing computers in grades 8, 7, 4, and 3. The laptops will be used by students in the classrooms. This is yet another great stride as Pres forges ahead with technology!

Another huge technological step for **Presentation BVM School** is using the school web page as a major communication tool for our students and their families. The "family envelope" is now digital. All school related family communication is available on the school web page under *Family Communication*. Weekly email notifications are sent to anyone that has joined our email list. If you have not done so already, please visit the school web page, and click on Join eMailing List on the left column. Input your email address. It is that simple!!

On the web page you will notice **WEB AFFILIATES**. When shopping online, simply access these companies through Presentation BVM School's web page and we will receive a percentage of the purchase. This is an easy fundraiser for our school.

We have much to be thankful for here at Presentation BVM School. We thank everyone for their continued prayers, support, kindness, and generosity. The **Pres Pride** is obvious.

Sincerely,

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