



Technology Update

Dear Parents,

April 2009

Spring has sprung, and with it our thoughts turn to spring and even summer activities.

As with all things, planning is essential. Our March technology fundraiser at Finnigan's Wake was a great success. We realized a profit of \$4,036. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended this great function. Since the purpose of the fundraiser was to acquire more SMART Boards for classrooms, one of our spring activities is to acquire quotes for more SMART Boards and their installation. Then one of our summer activities will hopefully be their installation.

Our current SMART Boards are used daily. Teachers and students are getting SMART. This frequent usage certainly fosters the integration of technology throughout the curriculum and benefits students in all grades. To read more about our progress and usage of SMART Boards watch for our publication, The Citation, in the near future. The Citation will update you to the many wonderful happenings here at Presentation BVM School.

Again this year, our tech team has offered technology classes for our parents and parish community. These informal classes cover many topics. If you have any thoughts or requests for adult tech classes, please email me.

Speaking of the tech team..... This great group of people is dedicated to the advancement of technology throughout the school for the betterment of our students. The team meets monthly. Meetings generally revolve around creating and implementing the overall technology goals of the school. Planning, fund-raising, grant writing, acquisitioning hardware/software, installing/reconfiguring PC's, and communicating our needs and accomplishments are some of the many items on our agenda. If you are interested in enhancing technology to benefit your child or to help in any way, please contact Mrs. Rocks at techteacher@comcast.net. On the job training graciously provided☺

Something new..... We have started an after school Media Club for our eighth grade students. As happens with technology shortly after the club's beginning, our one and only video camera broke. Father Harrison solved this glitch by generously donating a new video camera for student use. Then proving that generosity abounds within the school community, a parent donated a MAC computer to be used for video editing. Thank you, Thank you!! Involvement in the club has promoted a truly positive learning and teaching experience for me, and based on their enthusiasm, for the students as well.

Also don't forget to check the school web page www.presentationbvm.org/school for the latest news and information. Do you ask your children, "What did you do at school today?" If they answer, "Nothing," check out the teachers' home pages. They are available under "Classroom Notes" on our main web page. There you will find information about classroom activities, schoolwork, assignments, and weekly routines. .

Just a few reminders:

- ❖ Use iGive.com for all of 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. This is an easy fundraiser for our school.
- ❖ Recycle ink and laser cartridges here at Pres. A current list of accepted cartridges is available on the web page under the Our Technology page.
- ❖ Buy WaWa certificates for a Shortie Hoagie. The cost is \$3.50, and these certificates may be purchased at the Scrip Office,

As we are all aware, technology is ever changing. Here at Pres, we have been fortunate enough to achieve and in some areas exceed the norm.

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

Sincerely,

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