

Leading the Way in Technology

Every good school faces the challenge of continually improving their academic programs to meet the ever changing challenges of our ever changing world. Here at St. John the Evangelist School in Schenectady, we are continually expanding our technology program to meet the needs of our students.

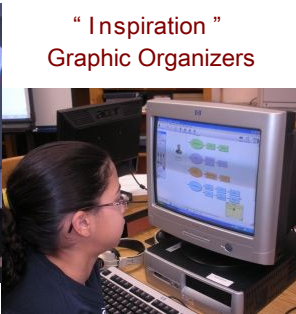
Currently we have a computer lab with 27 desktop computers for technology classes, 4 desktop computers in the library for research, computers in each classroom for teachers and students as well as various computers located throughout the school for AIS instruction and office personnel. Our networked system allows accessibility to files on computers throughout the school as well as access to the Internet and educational software.



SJE Computer Lab



Keyboarding
Finger Placement Skills



"Inspiration"
Graphic Organizers

Technology skills are introduced in Pre-K with their weekly visits and built on in K ~ 6th grade through their two scheduled weekly computer classes. Basic computer skills, keyboarding and Microsoft Office programs are the main focus. Various educational software programs are used to enhance reading, writing, and math skills as well as academic content in coordination with topics covered in the classroom.

Our most recent goal has been to introduce SMART Boards (interactive whiteboards) or Airliners (portable interactive boards) throughout the school. With the aid of grants, federal and state funding we have realizing our goal. Presently, our K ~ 6 grade classrooms are all equipped with either a SMART Board or Airliner. Boards for the lab and AIS room are also in place, creating access to these new technology tools for ALL classes throughout the school..



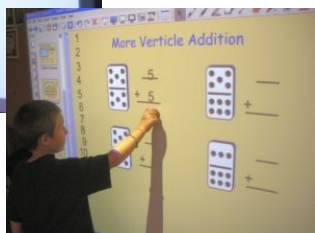
PowerPoint Presentations

Obtaining equipment is a vital step in delivering technology skills to students but the key element in implementation is the collaboration and professional development skills of the teachers. Professional development is

ongoing for our teachers focusing on the use of our new equipment. Collaboration amongst staff has resulted in impressive, academically aligned technology projects.



SMART Writing



SMART Challenges

Our dedicated staff is committed to enhancing the academic environment by teaching the students the technology skills they will need to augment their future educational challenges. In a world of rapidly advancing technology, we feel it is essential to begin introducing technology at this early academic stage, realizing that the skills each student acquires will be useful to them throughout their lives.

The children are our future and the future looks so bright!