

MEDIA AND TECH TALK

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YEAR END REMINDERS

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Register for the Regional Tech Academy trainings at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/inghamisd/cw/CourseByCateg.asp>
- Blackboard Users Conference; August 6, 2009, St. John's CCRESA. Register at: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/inghamisd/cw/showcourse.asp?1437>
- Register for Charlotte Public Schools Data Director training from our own staff members at ext. 5752 or laned@charlottenet.org. This training will be a refresher course opportunity for our staff members and include questions from participants, creating exams, using reports, scanning and troubleshooting. This will take place on August 27th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. More information is provided below under **Summer Tech Trainings**.
- Sign up for the The 2nd Michigan Joint Education Conference*. June 24, 2009, Holt High School, Holt Michigan. This is a VERY affordable conference for all! For the member rate of just \$49, you can attend a one day conference with OVER 65 sessions, see vendors with up-to-date information and supplies, the fee includes all meals! For full details, a list of the session titles and who is doing the presentation, and the registration form, go to <http://www.mijec.org>
Early registration deadline extended to June 16, 2009!!

REMINDERS

- Student, lab and teacher stations will be re-imaged over the summer. Save your files to your server space. Don't forget to save your Internet bookmarks (see below for instructions on how to save bookmarks).
- High School (409/410), Middle School (E106) and Washington lab stations will be replaced this summer.
- Batteries from remotes and phonic ear units must be removed.
- Clean out your server space so there is room next year for your new files.
- **Your teacher station needs to be clear of all personal items in order for tech staff to clean equipment.**
- We will be replacing the Groupwise email server this summer the week of June 29th. Periodically that week you may not have access to your email.

BLACKBOARD 9.0

An upgrade to Blackboard 9.0 will take place this summer in order to support new Web 2.0 features. Some of the updates this will include are the drag and drop capabilities, more effective course management tools, journals, blogging, wikis and more.

Timelines include: June 28th: Full back-up of the current system; June 29th-July 9th: Perform upgrade and test the new version (the system will be down periodically. Please do not make changes to your courses during this time); July 10th: regular Blackboard access resumed.

SUMMER TECHNOLOGY TRAININGS

We will not be offering a technology camp this year. With the data retreat and other re-designation items, we have decided to offer suggestions such as the Regional Technology Academy, the Blackboard User's Conference, Michigan Joint Education Conference and other technology offerings close to home that have been previously sent out in Media/Tech Talks as options.

We will be offering a session on August 27th for **Data Director**. This training will be for Charlotte Public School members only and will be led by our very own Bill Barnes. This training will run from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon in the High School Media Center lab. Please sign up ASAP so we can have an accurate count for the training; the training is limited to 25 participants and if we exceed that number we can offer additional times and/or days.

As well, if you have a specific area in which you would like training, please see your media specialist; so they can include that as a session for next school year.

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Open Internet Explorer
Click in File

Click Import/Export
Click Next
Choose Export Favorites
Click on Favorites at the Top
Click Next

Click Browse
Browse to your Server Space

Click on Organize Bookmarks
Click File
Click on Export
Browse to your Server Space
Click Save
Close Firefox

FireFox

Open Firefox
Click on Bookmarks
Click Next
Click Finish
Close Internet Explorer

Do you need to have lessons that cover more than one strand? Or do you know teachers who need this information? Or, do you have funds that your district needs to spend before the end of the school year?

***We have the solution -
The 2nd Michigan Joint Education Conference*.
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We are ***very*** excited about this year to have 11 groups who have joined us as partners! These partners provide speakers for the conference, help promote the conference, and help with the organization of the conference. **In return for their assistance, their members are allowed to attend at the member rate.**

Here is a list of the partners:

MAASE - MI Association of Administrators of Special Education
MAISD - MI Association of Intermediate School Administrators
MAME - MI Association of Media in Education
MASA - MI Association of School Administrators
MASCD - MI Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development
MBEA - MI Business Education Association
MCEC - MI Council for Exceptional Children
MCTE - MI Council of Teachers of English
MMSCH - MI Mathematics & Science Centers Network
MSDA - MI Staff Development Council
REMC - Regional Educational Media Centers for Michigan

*The MiJec consist of the following Stakeholders:

MSTA - MI Science Teachers Association
MCSS - MI Council for the Social Studies
MCTM - MI Council of Teachers of Mathematics
MAMSE - MI Association of Middle School Educators
MACUL - MI Association of Computer Users in Learning

So to be able to attend at the member rate, you only need to be a member of one of the above 16 groups listed!!

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(To get to the list of sessions, click on the "speakers" tab in the upper right and select the "presenter" link).