

# Students Get Nearly 4,300 iPads Through DeSales Tech Grant

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The Catholic Telemedia Network (CTN) welcomes a new school year and the varied opportunities to work directly with teachers, facilitating good integration of technology.

As DeSales Media Group continues its grant program to schools, building on the nearly 4,300 iPads presently in the hands of students attending academies and religious education programs, CTN will continue to be out and about, visiting schools, meeting with coaches and principals and conducting professional development sessions.

We continue to subscribe to three award-winning digital learning services on behalf of every diocesan academy. What makes our service to academies stand out it is the professional development training conducted to support teachers in curriculum integration of these resources.

Training includes Google Classroom, Apple SchoolWorks and device management systems because we know that using one of our services effectively

means integrating with a collaborative learning platform.

We are most excited to continue the Diocesan Technology Institute (DTI), a collaborative initiative with Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools. This cohort of nominated teachers completed six months with CTN Instructional Media Specialists, Angela Russell and Laura Hickey, honing their skills to act as peer coaches in their academies. For the next five months, the group will reconvene to focus on their individually developed academy technology plan.

The plans were accepted by Dr. Chadzutko, who felt the new focus of the DTI was to provide support as these coaches begin the practical implementation of those plans. CTN media specialists will largely step aside to provide opportunities for the members to collaborate and model what is working for them.

The manner and frequency of digital reliance is constantly changing in daily life and classrooms are no exception. There is



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a great need to keep teachers fully informed and supported so that the process of using technology becomes invisible and learning outcomes are in full sight. DTI coaches will be a significant source of that support as they mentor and coach their peers.

Learn360 video streaming services, EducationCity and Mathletics are the

three CTN services that students access on their iPads, Chromebooks or laptops.

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IPADS AND CHROMEBOOKS AND GOOGLE, OH MY!!

# COACHING, WORKSHOPS, RESOURCES

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- Digital Instructional Resources that enhance learning
- Diocesan Technology Institute Coach Training
- On-site Professional Development
  - Apple Professional Learning
  - Google Apps for Education
  - Technology Integration
- Special events: Learn360 Video Quest, Dial-A-Priest, Grammar-thon, MathBowl, and AppSlam!



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