The Classroom of the Future
Archdiocesan High School Tech Gathering recently hosted a technology in education event at Calvert Hall College High School. The guest speakers for the event were Towson’s own Cindy Davis and Bonnie Brown. The focus of the event was to help educators define how “The Classroom of the Future” will be personalized in each of the Catholic high schools in our area using traditional, non-traditional, and emerging technologies.

Bonnie shared that several private high schools sent their technology specialists to hear which technologies Towson University offers in classrooms. Bonnie spoke about the technology habits and behaviors of college students and how Towson University classrooms are equipped with a wide range of technology. Many private high schools have mandatory laptops or iPad policies for students. Calvert Hall does not have this policy but beginning Fall 2016 they will adopt a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. Cindy and Bonnie were able to address educators concerns about platforms and loaning devices to students, as well as challenges in meeting all student needs when personal devices are used in the classroom.

There are many positive reasons for users to use their own device in the classroom but this will also require educators to become more adapt at teaching a wide range of problem solving strategies for computer technologies with their students. This certainly is a good move forward but one that will also require patience and growth during the learning curve.
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Kid Museum

If you need ideas about interactive, creative spaces for elementary and middle school students with hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math learning then Kid Museum is the place for you. Kid Museum is located in the Bethesda, MD/Washington DC region and offers many amazing learning opportunities for students, educators, and families.


http://kid-museum.org/at-kid/

TeacherKit

Have you heard of TeacherKit yet? TeacherKit is an easy-to-use app that takes care of routine class administration tasks. Organize and manage your students on all your devices with this personal organizer designed to make the daily life of a teacher a little easier.

http://www.teacherkit.net/
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New Virtual Reality with ThinkLink

We in The Education Innovation Lab are big fans of ThinkLink. The popular interactive media platform has released a virtual reality app called VR Lessons that comes with three main features to help you create immersive stories and lessons across all platforms. This is a paid app, but if you are interested in VR, this looks like a very interesting option.

http://demo.thinglink.com/vr-edu#about

Polling with Google

Do you need a quick teacher created poll using Google Classroom? This polling feature enables teachers to create polls for a wide variety of educational purposes and poll your student’s right in your class.


Great PPT 2016 tip for Mac

Record your Slideshow in PowerPoint 2016 for Mac-
http://bit.ly/1QBec9f

Student Centered Classroom Designs

What does research say regarding flexible seating and student designed classrooms? Are traditional chairs and tables being replaced by comfy sofas or even standing desks? Should we really be rethinking classroom space hoping for engaged students? Read some interesting information on this topic:

Information on Flexible Classrooms:

Reimagining Classrooms:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6vVXmwYvgs&feature=youtu.be

Rethinking Classrooms:
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Mark Your Calendars!

Have you ever planned to attend a workshop or lunchtime discussion only to run into a schedule conflict? We’ve expanded our dates and times to provide additional time offerings and allow more flexibility!

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Workshop Descriptions

May 4: Cuba Discussion with Rosemary Pina-Leonard and Dr. Gilda Martinez-Alba @ 1 p.m.
Join us for an informal session with Q&A as COE’s very own Rosa Pina-Leonard discusses her upcoming trip to Cuba. We will discuss recent cultural changes in Cuba and a bit about family connections with our neighbor to the south.

May 18: Apple Configurator 2 Workshop with Senior Apple Engineer, Aaron Davis from 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
Join us for information regarding Apple’s latest updates for iPad management requiring OS 10.11 El Capitan or later. This workshop is especially for folks managing iPads and iPad carts.

All scheduled events will be held in HH110.
Stop by for your tech needs and questions, call us at (410)704-2782, or email us at coe110@towson.edu!