

Donated Funds Earmarked for Technology



One of the most exciting changes at St. Charles is the addition of the 2011 Windows MultiPoint Server Lab. Many of you may not know that the computer lab and computers in the classroom exist because of donations over the past twenty years. Each time we needed updated and faster CPUs, Mrs. Menicucci would work with her contacts to find new ones. When we needed the internet 9 years ago, she found people to volunteer their time to install the hardware and get us connected. Since all of the hardware has been donated, we have always been just a couple of years behind.

A few years ago, we began to get substantial donation of dollars from many of our alumni and families that have attended St. Charles. Their wish was to see us use the money to improve St. Charles in ways that the tuition collected would never cover. Those dollars were allocated to the technology fund. This year, those donations exceeded \$30,000 and in addition to revamping the lab, we are installing fiber to insure that the new set up runs smoothly and efficiently.

We are appreciative of those families who keep St. Charles in their hearts and provide additional funds to continue to improve St. Charles in every way. We are pleased we were able to use the funds as their donors intended.

Benefits of MultiPoint Server

Windows MultiPoint Server is a simple, cost-effective way for more students and teachers to gain access to the latest technology, improving learning and helping students prepare to compete in a global economy.

With Windows MultiPoint Server, a single computer supports multiple users at the same time, each working independently using their own monitor, keyboard and mouse and with a familiar Windows computing experience. Schools can provide more students with access to the latest technology, even with limited budgets (<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/multipoint/>).

Spend More Time Teaching and Learning



There's nothing more important to a teacher than providing students with a personalized learning experience – not spending time on time-consuming, complicated technology. Teachers also need to be able to monitor student activity to ensure that computers are an effective learning tool in classrooms, libraries and labs.

Windows MultiPoint Server 2011 provides teachers and students with the latest and familiar Windows experience. And it gives teachers easy-to-use tools to orchestrate and manage students' use of computers, to help students stay focused on their studies (<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/multipoint/>)