

Spring 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

# Tech Time Newsletter



*Star of the Sea School Media Center*

## Great Computer Challenge 2009



The Great Computer Challenge (GCC) is a joint project between WHRO, Consortium for Interactive Instruction (C.I.I.) and Old Dominion University. At Star of the Sea School, GCC is a competitive opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to demonstrate their skills in various computer applications and computer programming, including Graphic Arts, Desktop Publishing,

Music Composition, Desktop Presentations, Web Design, Internet Scavenger Hunt, Integrated Applications, to name a few. There are two 2009 teams at SOS, all eighth grade students. These students will compete in the Web Design and Graphic Arts categories on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

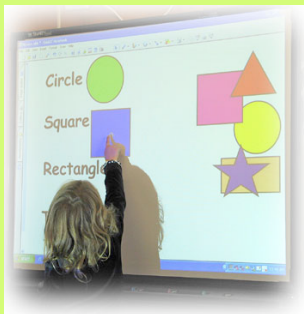
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## Portable Mac Lab

The portable macbook lab is in full use this school year!

Students check out the macbooks and take them back to their classroom to continue work begun during computer class in the Media Center or for enrichment purposes.

Students are learning to use the mouse pad, option and apple keys on the keyboard.

## SMART Boards in the Classrooms

Twelve SMART Boards were purchased for the classrooms in January through the efforts of Star of the Sea parents.

These interactive white boards are providing our students with ways to effectively engage in their lessons by providing over a thousand of ways to bring the world into their classroom.

