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Computer Corner

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Copyright and “Copy Wrongs”

Educators often ask the question "What can my students and I freely use in our lessons, presentations, workshops, newsletters, reports, and Web sites, and what is protected by copyright?"

The short answer is that nearly every original, tangible expression is copyrighted immediately upon creation. An author does not have to register the work, announce that the work is copyright protected, or display the copyright symbol to enjoy copyright protection. All he or she must do is create an original work in tangible form.

Fair Use

For education purposes fair use is described as:

- * the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes.
- * the nature of the copyrighted work.
- * the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole.
- * the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.



WELCOME BACK!

The computer lab is up and running and just waiting for the students to return. We purchased a couple of new programs for the students to use this year and I'm sure they will enjoy them. The Madison Diocese rewrote the Technology Standards this summer, we will use these new programs to help meet these standards. One standard states that students "Demonstrate the safe, ethical and legal use of digital content." We have always tried to comply with "fair use" and copyright laws. Students learn to use a bibliography and to give credit when taking information from an online source. See the side information for clarification on what can be used freely and what needs to be documented. Looking forward to a great year!

Save the Date!

Monday

September 27

3L will have their 1st keyboarding tests.

Wednesday

September 29

4H, 5C, 5K and 6 W will have keyboarding tests.

Thursday

September 30

4S/G and 6K will have keyboarding tests.