

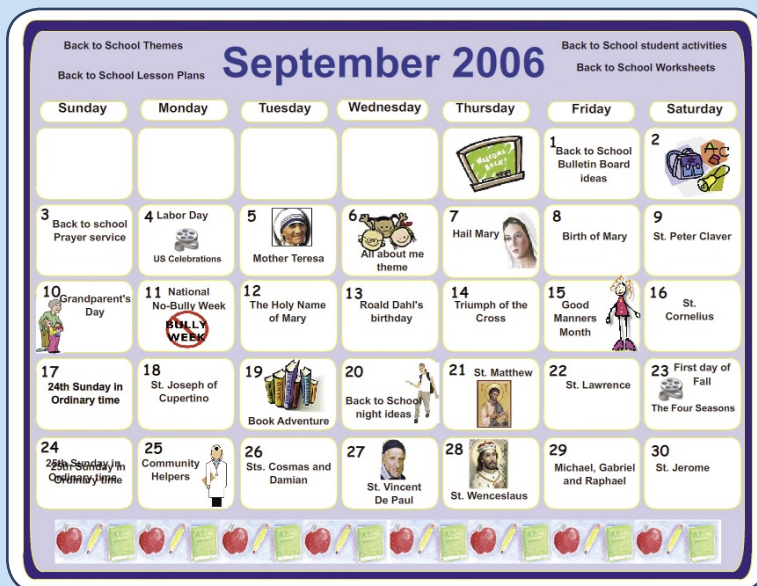
# FOCUS ON FAITH by SHARON LAWRENCE

The newest addition to the CTN resources is the online Interactive Catholic Calendar for teachers.

Let's take a closer look at the September Calendar and explore how it can be used as an effective tool for you and your students.

Here are some highlights of this month's Calendar: With one 'click' you can find Back-to-school Catholic Bulletin Board ideas, Catholic Prayers and Sunday Mass readings. **September 3rd** - Back to school Prayer services. Customize this Prayer Service to begin the new year with your students.

The Calendar tracks Saints for most days of the month, and gives background information, making it a useful tool for the teaching of our faith in the classroom. **September 18th** - Saint Joseph of Cupertino. Find information about his life, and encourage students to research more about his prayer life.



In this month's Calendar, you will also find general classroom themes - All about Me, Community Helpers, and Grandparent's Day. **September 20th** - Find great ideas on how to have a successful Back to School Night with parents!

Special events in September have been integrated with streaming videos for Labor Day and the first day of Fall, making these days come 'alive' to the students. **September 23rd** - First day of Fall - Students can view the streaming video online and then create a collage of the signs of Fall.

Plus, with the September Calendar teach the Hail Mary, organize a Grandparent's Day, and celebrate the Triumph of the Cross.

**Be sure to check out each month's Calendar in the Catholic Resources of the CTN website - [www.ctnba.org](http://www.ctnba.org)**

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## PRAYER CORNERS FOR USE IN THE CLASSROOM

The start of the school year is a great time to set the tone of your classroom, and create an environment of faith in your students.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- A Place for Prayer – Set aside an area in your classroom to develop a sense of sacred space and sacred time. This space can be anything from a simple table or a separate area furnished with a rug or pillows that encourage quiet reflection. Include a Bible, candle, flowers, and pieces of paper for prayer requests.
- A great art activity at the beginning of the school year, is for students to create posters and banners to decorate the prayer area, also.
- Invite Parents! Invite parents to attend prayer services in the classroom. This is a great way to bring families together during special events and Church celebrations.
- Celebrate with other Classes – Arrange to have 'prayer partners' with other classes. You can pair up older students and younger ones to meet regularly for prayer, reflection, and Mass attendance.

- Getting Started – Ask students to bring something into school that represents their memory of the summer break. Suggest something small, inexpensive, and unbreakable. When as many of the children as want to, have brought their 'memento' with them, spend some time discussing how such things can hold memories for us.

Placing them in a central place, perhaps around a lighted candle, have the children focus quietly on the memories they evoke, praying for the people in their thoughts. As the people and places evoked are brought to mind, the children are involved in the formation of their intentions.



See 'Children Learn to Pray' <http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/index.html> for more ideas on including prayer in your classroom.

# Video Highlights from CTN's Library

## Grades K-2

### Davey and Goliath: School-Who Needs It?

For Broadcast or Loan  
DG-065 (30:00)

It is time to go back to school, and Davey and his friends are in rebellion. But an understanding teacher, an enthusiastic new student, and a near accident show the positive value of school.

Tues., 9/5 to Fri 9/8 10:30-11:00 Ch. 10

Wed., 9/6 11:30-12:00 Ch. 12

Thurs., 9/7 8:20-8:50 Ch. 12

Thurs., 9/7 9:00-9:30 Ch. 12

Fri., 9/8 12:30-1:00 Ch. 10

Fri., 9/8 1:45-2:15 Ch. 12

### Story Circle:

#### Officer Buckle and Gloria

For Broadcast or Loan  
ST-135 (12:00)

Officer Buckle's safety lesson puts everyone to sleep until the day he brings along his new police dog Gloria, who has her own way of demonstrating safety tips.



Tues., 9/5 11:10-11:22 Ch.10

Wed., 9/6 8:50-9:02 Ch.12

Wed., 9/6 1:00-1:12 Ch.10

Thurs., 9/7 9:05-9:17 Ch.10

Thurs., 9/7 1:00-1:12 Ch.12

Fri., 9/8 11:05-11:17 Ch.10

### Introduction to Parts of Speech:

#### Herman's Chow-Down Nouns

For Broadcast or Loan  
POS-001 (15:00)



Herman's Chow-Down Nouns tells the story of fussy eater Herman, a baby bookworm. Little Herman's mother discovers

that her baby will eat only nouns; other words give him a terrible stomach ache.

As the story progresses, viewers learn that common nouns name persons, places and things. They also learn that proper nouns name particular persons, places and things and start with a capital letter. Finally, viewers learn the difference between singular and plural nouns and how to make plural nouns with "s," "es," and several irregular endings. A video quiz is also included.

Mon., 9/11 1:00-1:15 Ch. 12

Wed., 9/13 8:50-9:05 Ch.10

Wed., 9/13 2:20-2:35 Ch.10

Thurs., 9/14 1:05-1:20 Ch.12

Fri., 9/15 1:10-1:25 Ch.12

## Grades 3-5

### Pushing And Shoving Volcanoes And Earthquakes

For Broadcast or Loan  
ES-001 (15:00)

Volcanoes and earthquakes are only part of a bigger picture.

Tectonic forces also push continents around and cause mountains to be uplifted. The crust recycles itself. The lighter rocks of the continents float on the heavier rocks of the mantle.

Tues., 9/5 11:30-11:45 Ch.10



### Working Together: In Crowd

For Broadcast or Loan  
GET-008 (15:00)

Working on an article for the school newspaper, Ben sets out to write about the "coolest" kids at school. After talking to a variety of students and reflecting on the story The Pain and the Great One, he learns to take a broader view and appreciate differences.

Mon., 9/11 1:30-1:45 Ch. 12

Wed., 9/13 11:40-11:55 Ch.10

Thurs., 9/14 9:35-9:50 Ch. 12

Fri., 9/15 10:25-10:40 Ch. 10

### The Gospel According to St. Bernard: Judge Not

For Broadcast or Loan  
SB-002 (25:00)

Jason and Amanda are new at school, and are shunned by other students because they seem different. With Bernie's help, Daniel and Jennifer learn that it's wrong to make judgments based on prejudice.

Mon., 9/18 8:55-9:20 Ch. 12

Tues., 9/19 8:20-8:45 Ch. 12

Thurs., 9/21 11:35-12:00 Ch.12

### Adventures With Animals: Reptiles, What Are They?

For Broadcast or Loan  
AWA-002 (10:00)

Explore the fascinating world of turtles, crocodiles, lizards and snakes.

Mon., 9/18 9:50-10:00 Ch. 12

Thurs., 9/21 9:25-9:35 Ch. 10

### Working Together: You Bug Me

For Broadcast or Loan  
GET-009 (15:00)

A variety of situations show children who are irritated with the behavior of someone else.

To solve the problem, they learn to identify what annoys them and develop strategies to deal with it effectively, as suggested in the book Angel Child, Dragon Child..

Mon., 9/18 1:30-1:45 Ch. 12

Wed., 9/20 11:40-11:55 Ch.10

Thurs., 9/21 9:35-9:50 Ch. 12

Fri., 9/22 10:25-10:40 Ch. 10

### Saints Alive: St. Therese of Lisieux

For Broadcast or Loan  
SAL-013 (15:00)

Known as "the little flower," Therese became a Carmelite nun as a young woman, and she lived a quiet life of prayer until she died.

Wed., 9/27 8:20-8:35

Ch. 12

Thurs., 9/28 2:00-2:15

Ch.10

Fri., 9/29 8:50-9:05 Ch. 12

Fri., 9/29 1:00-1:15 Ch. 10



## BROADCAST AND VIDEO LOAN REQUESTS

- Broadcast videos may be scheduled at alternate times by calling CTN at 650-326-7850, ext. 12 or by email to [request@ctnba.org](mailto:request@ctnba.org).
- Loan videos and kits may be borrowed for 2 weeks and should be returned to CTN.
- Videos may be duplicated unless noted otherwise.
- CTN staff are available to assist you from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
- UPS return label included with each video at no cost to you.

### Tar Beach

Multimedia Kit

Level: Grades 1-3

Includes:

- Video: Reading Rainbow: Tar Beach (30:00 min.)
- Book – Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold
- Book – Talking to Faith Ringgold, by Faith Ringgold, Linda Freeman, and Nancy Roucher



## Grades 6-8

### American Authors: Mark Twain

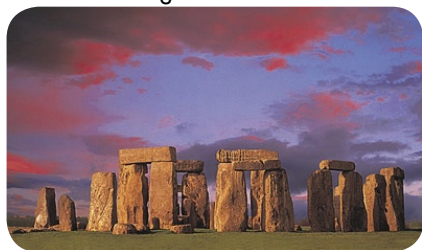
For Broadcast or Loan  
AL-033 (30:00)  
Born Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Twain was a newspaperman, prospector, riverboat pilot, humorist, speaker - and perhaps America's best beloved writer. Involvement with speculative business ventures with typesetting machines led to financial ruin, but he succeeded in earning his way out.  
Wed., 9/6 11:05-11:35 Ch. 10

### Operation Algebra: Introduction To Linear Systems

For Broadcast or Loan  
ALG-001 (32:59)  
Using the real-world context of two sisters separated at the starting line of the Bay to Breakers foot race, this episode introduces students to linear systems. The sisters run at different paces and begin the race at different times. By looking at graphs of each runner's progress plotted on the same distance versus time graph, we see a single point of intersection. This point represents the time and place where both runners will meet during the race.  
Wed., 9/13 10:05-10:37 Ch. 10

### History's Ancient Legacies: Stonehenge

For Broadcast or Loan  
WH-047 (25:00)  
This incredible monument dates from around 2,800 BC. This video takes viewers back in time to see the origin of the stones and the monument in its original form. Leading authors explain the latest theories and known facts about this great treasure.



Wed., 9/13 1:45-2:10 Ch. 10  
Thurs., 9/14 11:05-11:30 Ch. 10

### The Human Body Systems: The Respiratory System

For Broadcast or Loan  
HBS-002 (24:00)  
The lungs and air passages that make up the breathing system are responsible for getting oxygen to the body and removing carbon dioxide. Explains the respiratory system and all of its organs and parts.  
Mon., 9/18 11:10-10:34 Ch. 12  
Tues., 9/19 9:00-9:24 Ch. 10

### American Authors: Herman Melville

For Broadcast or Loan  
AL-031 (30:00)  
A short biography connects Melville's life at sea with his major works - Moby Dick, Billy Budd, and Typee. In later life the author became a customs official to support himself and died in obscurity.  
Tues., 9/19 9:45-10:15 Ch. 12  
Mon., 9/25 2:00-2:30 Ch. 10



### The Human Genome Project

Multimedia Kit  
Level: Grades 8-12

A kit from the Human Genome Project gives an excellent introduction to new advances in unraveling DNA, the technology of genetic testing, and the potential future of genetic medicine.

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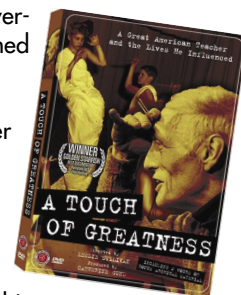
- Multi-media CD
- Video: an award-winning video documentary,
- The Secret of Our Lives, and an informational brochure,
- Genetics: The Future of Medicine Poster and information booklet



## Professional Development

### ★ A Touch of Greatness

Loan Video (54:00) DVD  
This is a portrait of a maverick teacher who transformed a generation of young people by enabling them to discover their own inner greatness. Through the use of poetry, drama and imaginative play, Cullum championed an unorthodox educational philosophy that spoke directly to his students' needs.



### ★ Mastering the Challenge of Reading

Loan Video  
4 videos (VHS) and 4 guides  
Part of the Developing Minds Series on learning differences featuring Dr. Mel Levine  
These videos focus on children's struggles and successes with reading. The videos show children and early adolescents in classroom and home situations struggling with one or more reading sub-skills: decoding, comprehension and reading retention. The videos also explore the reading process, common reading problems that many students face and practical strategies that teachers and parents can use to help children become better readers. Viewers will gain insights into these challenges and how they relate to breakdowns in such key areas of brain function as attention, memory and language.

Videos include:

- \* Mastering the Challenge of Reading
- \* Memory
- \* Language
- \* Attention

### ★ The Four-Blocks Literacy Model: How and Why It Really Works

Loan Video  
(60:00) min.  
Patricia Cunningham shares the origin, development and structure of this instructional model that really works for all students at all levels of literacy! Follow along as Pat presents an in-depth view of each block and explains how the blocks fit together to provide a model for instruction that accommodates the learning personalities and preferences of all students.



## New Discovery Streaming Video Homepage



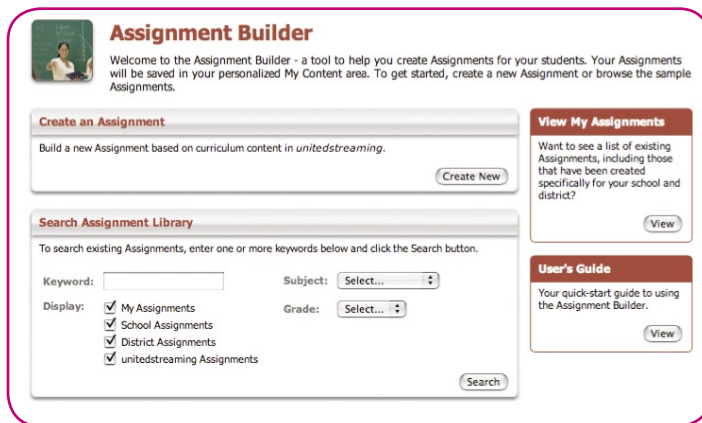
### New & Improved Features

#### Enhanced Searching Features

The new unitedstreaming - improved search and enhanced site design for more accurate, faster results with a drill down navigation menu for targeted results. Searching has been made easier – search by keyword, subject, grade, curriculum standard, or media type.

#### The Teacher Center

- Assignment Builder helps you create assignments for your students. Gather video segments, images, quizzes and trusted websites in one place.
- Quiz Builder helps you create quizzes for your students to assess comprehension or survey prior knowledge.
- Writing Prompt Builder helps you create writing prompts to stimulate the writing process in the classroom.
- Lesson Plan Builder & Library helps you create lesson plans or you can select from a database of lesson plans
- Calendar provides videos tied to historical events
- The Catholic Resources which provides teachers with tools for teaching religion are the same resources found on the CTN site.



#### Teaching Tips and Best Practice Segments

Illustrate ways teachers can integrate technology into the classroom. For example, teachers can create classroom learning centers with curriculum-related media for differentiated instructional use or produce and edit their own instructional movies by selecting segments from over 10,000 editable videos.

#### Personalization

- "My Home Page" is a personalized unitedstreaming home page in which you can view new content updates and weekly teacher tips. Make it your default home page for unitedstreaming and control the content you wish to view. Link to curriculum tools, new videos, calendar events and teaching tips.
- "My Content" This feature allows you to collect, organize, share and retrieve your favorite media resources, assignments, quizzes and writing prompts in one teacher-convenient place.

# WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR! SEPTEMBER '06

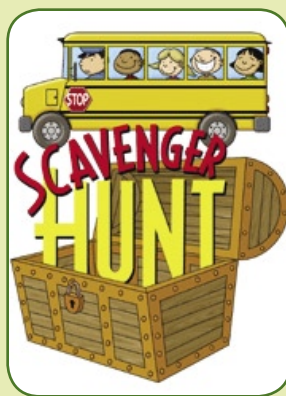
## Activities to get the Year off to a Great Start

### BACK TO SCHOOL



#### Printable About-Me Book

<http://www.edhelper.com/clipart/teachers/bs-aboutme1.pdf>  
Print and copy this book for each student to complete. Students fill in and write information about their family and favorite subjects, sports and TV shows.  
Level: Grades K-2



#### Back to School Scavenger Hunt

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/hunt/hunt041.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/hunt/hunt041.shtml)  
The goal of the scavenger hunt is for students to learn more about what they can do to be happy and successful in the new school year. Students search for answers to the questions and then fill in the missing words to complete each sentence. The web site URL is provided. There is an answer key as well as a printable .pdf version of the scavenger hunt.

Level: Grades 4-6

#### Student Interviews in Pairs During The First Week Of School

Here is an activity that can be completed in pairs with students interviewing each other. Begin by having you the teacher, complete the questionnaire and share your answers with the class.



From: <http://www.thevirtualvine.com/BacktoSchool.html>  
Level: Grades 4-8

1. What do you like most about school?
2. What do you like to do in your spare time?
3. What are some things you know a lot about?
4. What kinds of books do you like most?
5. What are some things about which you would like to know more?
6. What interesting places have you visited?
7. What are some places you would like to visit?
8. If you could be a famous person, who would you be?
9. Do you like music? What kind?
10. What are you good at in school?
11. What do you think you might need extra help with in school?
12. What is your favorite: food \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_  
TV show \_\_\_\_\_ sport \_\_\_\_\_ place \_\_\_\_\_  
movie \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who is your favorite celebrity?
14. Who is your favorite friend?
15. Complete these sentences:  
I am happiest when \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am saddest when \_\_\_\_\_.

#### CTN Offers New Electronic Field Trips!

For Students in Grades 5-8

What: An Electronic Field Trip your class can watch on CTN channel 8 and also participate in online. The programs come with web-based curriculum materials. All EFT's are for students in Grade 5-8. You must register to obtain curriculum materials.

#### What and When:

#### Freedom In America - Some Assembly Required

Broadcast Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

CTN Channel: 8

Discover the sights 'The City of Brotherly Love' has to offer as we visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and many more prominent landmarks where pivotal events took place in the assembly of the U.S.A.! Find out what struggles our forefathers encountered during the difficult process of drafting the Declaration of Independence and learn more about those responsible for writing this famous document. You'll also explore the story behind the Liberty Bell, which is an international symbol of freedom that, like our democracy, is fragile and imperfect, but still endures. Learn why it is considered an important U.S. artifact, and how it earned its celebrated crack.

#### To Register Go to:

[www.bsu.edu/eft/home/41register.php](http://www.bsu.edu/eft/home/41register.php)

Note: You must complete all boxes

1. In the first pull-down box, select, "Broadcast/Curriculum" (The \$75.00 fee will be waived later in the registration process.)
2. Continue completing the information boxes. When you get to "Viewing Method:" select the "Local Cable" option.
3. Next, type in "CTN" as your Local Cable Access Network.
4. In the box named: "Method of Payment" make sure you choose "Best Buy Scholarship."
5. Scroll down to see the names and times of each EFT. Click the trip time that you want to watch the program. All times shown are EST. CTN is airing each program to member schools in PST. See above for PST times.
6. Make sure you click the "Submit Registration" button.



Questions: Email Jim at [Jim@ctnba.org](mailto:Jim@ctnba.org)



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## MULTIMEDIA CART WINNERS

A special thanks to the Association of Continuing Education (ACE) for their generosity in providing 10 multimedia carts to our member schools. There were 41 grant applications submitted to ACE for review with the bulk of the applications (18) coming from schools in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Below listed are the schools they selected:

### Los Angeles

St. Gerard Majella School—Los Angeles

### Oakland

St. Edward School - Newark  
Our Lady of Grace - Castro Valley

### San Francisco

St. Raphael - San Raphael  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Daly City  
All Souls - South San Francisco  
St. Thomas the Apostle - San Francisco  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Redwood City

### San Jose

Saint Patrick School - San Jose  
St. Martin of Tours - San Jose



## NEW CATHOLIC RESOURCES FROM CTN



### Religion Curriculum Student Outcomes

The Religion Curriculum Student Outcomes were designed to provide teachers with an interactive multimedia document to assist them in the teaching of Religion (K-8). These outcomes have been organized and structured to be in alignment with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The web-based outcomes have been updated to provide teachers with easy access to correlated websites, streaming videos, and newly developed lesson plans.



### Church Seasons & Calendar

CTN's Interactive Catholic Calendar provides teachers with a wealth of information. Included in the monthly calendars are Saints for each day, common Catholic Prayers, Sunday readings, and Holy Feast Days. All events on the calendar are 'clickable', making it easy for teachers to teach important dates during the school year.

Plus, we have found the best websites based on monthly themes for you to use in your classroom and incorporated them into the Calendar. Teachers will find this new resource at CTN, a very effective way to integrate our Catholic Faith with teaching themes for your students. With just one look you can view a whole month of Catholic activities and general teaching themes. It's a 'must have' for teachers this year!



### Interactive Resources

Online Activities include Catholic e-Books that are web-based children's stories. They provide an enchanting blend of entertainment, inspiration and religious education. The animated Catholic Picture Dictionary is a pictorial word book specially designed for young students to increase their religious vocabulary in an easy and fun way. Check this section for our newest additions!

## Reminder: Sign-Up for CTN'S Teacher Email List

Click the "**Join CTN's email list**" link on our homepage [www.ctnba.org](http://www.ctnba.org). Enter your email address, next select an interest category that fits your needs best. The categories are: K-2 Teacher, 3-5 Teacher, 6-8 Teacher, Technology Coordinator & School Principal.

We will be sending grade specific materials for teachers to use in their classrooms. Materials will include collections of websites, new Catholic content, featured videos and broadcast schedule updates. Our goal is to help integrate CTN's resources into the classroom.

The **Sites of the Week** will come out once a week as before but now content will be targeted by grade level and curriculum standards. This school year Sites of the Week will be sent out by grade level only. **In order to keep receiving the Sites of the Week, you must go to CTN's website and click on "Join CTN's Email list"**.

So far we have 586 teacher's subscribed to our email list. Please join us.

