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# Newsletter

## TCTC Web Site & Blog

The Tioga County Teacher Center (TCTC) Web Site is now in the process of being updated, thanks to former Director, Roger Sharp, who also, by the way, has been elected to serve on the Policy Board. Grant applications are accessible both at the bottom of the Home page and on the Newsletter page. You are also reminded to check the calendar which provides useful lesson plan data that is linked to the Learning Standards. Put us in your favorites and create a shortcut for your desktop. If you don't know how, contact Director George Lohmann.

In addition, your Director, has begun a Blog for the Teacher Center at <http://teachtioga.blogspot.com>. This tool will keep you abreast of important information, including conference and workshop notices, and allow discussion of issues that are of interest to the teachers we serve. Again, put our Blog in your favorites and create a shortcut for your desktop.

If you would like to add a comment to the Blog and do not know how, contact Director George Lohmann. He would gladly walk you through the process either in person or over the phone. After you have created an account, you can easily set up your own Blog for use with your students. Contact George if you would like to discuss the benefits of using a Blog with your students. In fact, this is a good topic to discuss on the Blog. Also, check out the online Blogging course on the back of this newsletter.

## Smart Board Training

In December, our two MarcoPolo trainers, Stacy Mallory and Mary Joggerst, along with George Lohmann, will be trained as trainers in the use of Smart Boards in the classroom. In the meantime, if you would like some training in using MarcoPolo, which gives you access to vast numbers of lesson plans, contact Director George Lohmann. When we have enough to hold a class, arrangements will be made to do so.

## In-House Micro Workshops

TCTC is doing an experiment at Newark Valley High School. On Tuesday, November 14, two "In-House Micro Workshops" will be offered in the computer lab. They will involve about 10 minutes of instruction followed by a little hand-on practice time. This idea is to share little "secrets," teacher to teacher, within a building. Kathleen Alexander will be instructing on the new Outlook and George Lohmann will instruct on organizing favorites and Microsoft Office documents. If it works, we will try it elsewhere.

## Our Services

Color Copies \$.30      Laminating \$.40 per linear foot  
Bookbinding \$.10 each      Posters \$.50 per linear foot  
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## Director

**George Lohmann**

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## TCTC Satellite Office Are Open

The Tioga County Teacher Center (TCTC) has now opened a satellite office at both Newark Valley High School and Candor High School. Regular hours (when the director does not have other obligations) at NV—room 236—will be Tuesdays from 9:00 to 2:30. The Candor office—room 209—will be open Mondays from 11:30 to 2:30. The office in Nichols Elementary School will continue to be open Mondays 9:00 to 11:00 and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 2:00. **Please visit.**

### Mailboxes

Here's just a reminder that TCTC mailboxes have been opened at both Newark Valley and Candor High Schools. Those at NTH, NVMS and CES should use interoffice mail to speed up the delivery process.

## Online Courses

Consider taking a course online. November Learning is offering three online courses in the "Teaching Zach to Think" series. For the low cost of \$15 per teacher, you can take all three courses: Web Literacy, Advanced Web Literacy, and Blogging for Teacher. These courses are designed to prepare educators to be Web literate. A full range of skills is covered including basic search techniques and advanced cross referencing of Web sites for critical thinking. The Advanced course focuses on the social side of the Web: blogs, wikis, podcasts, Internet Safety and Web ethics. The Blogging for Educators course introduces the world of blogging in the classroom. Check out the courses at this link: <http://nlcourses.com/> The price goes down to \$10 per teacher if 51 or more sign up. I am definitely offering it to my teachers. The feedback has been excellent. Let

## Discounted Computer "Bundles" from TPP

Shopping for a computer? Visit <http://www.nytp.org/>. This new program offers reduced-price computers and software tailored specifically to meet the needs of teachers. But that's just the beginning. Because we know your time is limited, your Teacher Centers have ensured the technology "bundles" available through TPP also include advanced software, helpful training and computer support. They are offering one PC bundle and two laptop bundles. If you purchase one of the bundles, your director has coupon codes which you can use for 10% off anything Dell offers in their catalogue. If you're in the market for a new computer, make sure you check out this offer.

Here's the TPP Ordering Procedure. Originally you had to get a code from your director to order your computer bundle. But now you will only have to contact him for an order number to receive the discount on other Dell products:

- 1) Go to <http://www.nytp.org>.
- 2) Shop for the bundles on the Dell Site.
- 3) Order the computer (no code required).
- 4) Submit ORDER NUMBER to Teacher Center and get a 10% coupon off the Dell accessory catalog.

## Teacher Certification Information

NYSUT Southern Tier Regional Offices have reserved the following dates and times for Teacher Certification Video Conferences. If you are interested, email Lynda DeLuca at [ldeluca@uegw.stier.org](mailto:ldeluca@uegw.stier.org)

Workshop A: Information on Permanent Certification (for teachers holding a provisional certification) -- November 8 and December 6 at 4:30 PM

Workshop B: Information on Initial & Provisional Certification - the New Requirements -- November 8 and December 6 at 5:30 PM

Workshop C: Information on Teaching Assistant Certification -- February 6 and April 4 at 4:30 PM

## Christensen Rhetoric on the Road

The Career-Tech Education (CTE) Resource Center is offering regional conferences all over the state. Your Teacher Center Director, George Lohmann, is doing a one-hour introductory workshop on Christensen Rhetoric at the regional conference in Rochester on November 9 and in Syracuse on November 13.

The Christensen Rhetoric program is a highly effective method of teaching writing to students. Newark Valley High School has been using it (and perfecting it) for over 30 years. Contact George if you want to know more about it. Believe me, he would be glad to tell you all about it.

## Conference News

Collaboration, innovation, and inspiration. Three words to describe what to expect at BLC 07 - Alan November's eighth annual summer conference July 16-20. Already we have teams registered from Australia, Canada and from around the US.

Take advantage of our 6 participants for the price of 5 discount. This is a wonderful way to get your team members, school leaders, superintendents and curriculum directors working together towards shared vision and goals.

*"I have been telling all my colleagues about the BLC conference, as it is undoubtedly the best I have attended in 26 years of conference going."* -- Barbara Jansen, Librarian/Technology Coordinator, Austin, TX

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