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MOTHER OF PROVIDENCE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEIVES CONNELLY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Wallingford, PA, December 19, 2016– Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School recently received two grants from the Connelly Foundation. Through the Connelly Foundation’s PACT (Promoting Achievement through Classroom Technology) program, Mother of Providence is pleased to be receiving 30 new Chromebooks with Google EDU Management Console Licenses as well as a cart for storage and charging. Mother of Providence established a one to one device program in 2012 for grades one through eight. The school began transitioning from iPads to Chromebooks in 2014 for middle school students. Mother of Providence principal, Mrs. Therese Waters states, “We are excited to expand our Chromebook and Google Education programs into more grades using the Connelly Grant. Our administration made the decision five years ago to be on the forefront of technology in education and we see the results every day as our students become proficient and moral users of technology.”

In addition to the Chromebooks, Mother of Providence has received a second grant from the Connelly Foundation PACT program for a 3D printer and consumables. The 3D printer will be used to expand the school’s STEM program including its award winning SeaPerch robotics program (www.phillyseaperch.org). Mrs. Suzanne Lehman, the SeaPerch program coordinator, looks forward to using the 3D printer to print parts for their underwater robotic vehicle. The 3D printer will be incorporated into the technology curriculum in the upper grades. Mrs. Sabatini, the Mother of Providence technology teacher states, “The 3D printer will enable students in our upper grades to learn the basics of 3D computer software and to see their projects come to life in 3D.”

About the Connelly Foundation:

Connelly Foundation seeks to foster learning and to improve the quality of life in the Greater Philadelphia area. The Foundation supports local non-profit organizations in the fields of education, health and human services, arts and culture and civic enterprise.

Recognizing that the Foundation's past investments in education have yielded some of its most rewarding results, learning has become the cornerstone of its mission and a unifying umbrella covering all of its philanthropic interests. The Foundation also endeavors to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia area by promoting a culture of opportunity and civility.

The Foundation’s mission is pursued through a dual approach to grantmaking. It responds to proposals from either established or promising non-profit organizations involved in intellectual, moral, social and cultural development at all stages of life. The Foundation also works proactively, developing Initiatives in collaboration with the high schools and parish elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Ever mindful of the spirit of its founders, John and Josephine Connelly, and inspired by their faith, vision and courage, the Foundation assists members of the community attain more fulfilling and productive lives by providing incentives to learn, encouragement to achieve and reasons to hope.

About Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School:

Located in Wallingford, Pennsylvania on a 16-acre suburban campus, Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School promotes a Catholic learning environment in which every child develops spiritually, intellectually and socially. In addition to a religious education firmly rooted in our Catholic tradition, we offer a challenging academic curriculum. Students develop a love of learning and a strong moral conscience in a disciplined, caring environment.



Mother of Providence students (l to r) Nicholas Buxton (gr. 4), Sienna Wells (gr. 4), Maribel Haas (gr. 5), Madison Mitchell (gr. 5), and Aiden Babicki (gr. 4), will be using the new Chromebooks in class starting in January.

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