

Hello parents, students, and friends of Christ Lutheran School. Welcome to the 2017-2018 School year! My name is Tim Young and I am the Technology Coordinator here at CLS. I wanted to take a moment to tell you about the Technology Science class and provide some information regarding the technology-related features of the school.

Here is a little more information about me. I have been married to my wife Tina for 26 years. She is a Procurement Manager for Albertsons. I have two children (Tyler and Tara); both attended CLS pre-school through eighth grade. Tyler just graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cal State Fullerton and works in banking. Tara has just started her college career. I have a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications and a minor in Business Management. I got my first computer way back in 1977, the dawn of the personal home computer. I went to college as a Business Major but switched to Telecommunications to be more involved with computers. I have several industry certifications, including Microsoft MCSE, A+ Technician, HP Solutions Tech, Cannon Tech, Novell Administration, and Apple ACSP. I started my computer career at Allstate insurance installing and training agents on information systems, I was a manager at CompUSA, and I have consulted for three technology firms, including my own during the 90's. In 1999, I became Christ Lutheran Church and School's Network Administrator. In 2001, I became a full time employee and was tasked to build a computer lab for the school. In those early years, I found a passion for teaching and a new rewarding career. I have been teaching ever since and so this will be my 17th year as a part-time technology teacher.

My office/classroom is located in Room 302, there is a name change of the course I teach. Formerly known as "Computer Lab", this year it is "Technology Science". Why the change? As a technology teacher, my goal is to prepare my students for the future. Technology is constantly changing how we work, play, interact, teach, and learn. I want to make sure that students have the knowledge, interest, and ability to function in a technology-dominated world. Without this knowledge, they may not be prepared to compete for future jobs. Job after Job report has proven that technology-based careers have on average a 20% higher salary than other careers and an impressive 50% growth. The only other career choice that can compete with technology numbers is medical careers, and even then, the overlap of technology-based skills makes learning technology a "no-brainer".

So what do I teach? The current curriculum consists of Touch Typing, Introduction to Programming, Microsoft Office (Access, PowerPoint, Word, Excel, 3D Paint, and Publisher), Snap Circuits, Smartlab Robots, Internet Search Techniques, Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting, Cyber safety, Cyberbullying, Plagiarism and Copyright, Introduction to Website Design, Technology History, Video Editing and Design, Yearbook (8<sup>th</sup> grade), and Photo Editing and Manipulation. I also support your elementary and junior high teachers with Spellcity, Renaissance Reading, internet research, and reports and projects. Besides my room, the school also has 30 Unobook Smart Tablets (Android) and 24 Apple iPads that may be checked out by teachers.

I would like to highlight some other technology areas of interest as well. Our website is a great resource. You can find forms, sports information, links, and videos. The address is ([www.christbrea.com](http://www.christbrea.com)). Don't forget our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ChristBrea](http://www.facebook.com/ChristBrea)) and our Vimeo video website (<https://vimeo.com/christbrea>). We record and upload every chapel, play/musical, or special assembly weekly.

Being a part-time teacher and sharing my duties with the Church, I am not always as visible as the other teachers are; however, I am always available to parents and my students. If you like, I can give you a more detailed description of my class or even give you a tour of the lab. The easiest

way to reach me is by email at [tyoung@christbrea.com](mailto:tyoung@christbrea.com) or to call my cell at 562-458-1713 in order to schedule something.

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. –1 Corinthians 1:3*

Sincerely,

Tim Young

P.S – I am including some information about some of our fundraising. This includes the next restaurant fundraiser, Mustache Mike's, and the Recycling Contest. These fundraisers really help support our Library, Computer Lab, Music, and Classroom Technology. Thank you for all your support over the years!