ST. CLAIR COUNTY SCHOOLS
EVERY STUDENT PREPARED

2021 Secondary Technology Conference

"From Survive to Thrive"

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion some compassion, some humor, and some style.

Maya Angelou

Session Schedule

IMPORTANT

- **ALL MATH TEACHERS GRADES 6-9** – From Mrs. Debra Carroll: Please plan on attending the **MANDATORY** session titled "ELLevation" during Session 6 (2:30-3:30). There will be a sign in sheet in this session.
- **ALL TECH CONTACTS** – Please plan on attending the Tech Contact session during Session 6 (2:30-3:30).
- **ALL NEW TEACHERS TO SCCS** – There are specific sessions you will need to attend. A session track will be provided to you at the New Employee Orientation.

CHECK IN	7:30am – 8:00am
Session 1	8:00am – 9:00am
Session 2	9:05am – 10:05am
Session 3	10:10am – 11:10am
Session 4	11:15am – 12:15pm
*Stay in Session 4 room for lunch and Virtual Keynote	12:15pm – 1:20pm
Session 5	1:25pm – 2:25pm
Session 6	2:30pm – 3:30pm

*Lunch will be a provided Chick-Fil-A box lunch with lemonade, sweet tea, and unsweet tea as choices.

Session Topics

AimsWebPlus: Grades 6-8 ONLY

Sessions 1-4

Room 104

Presenter: Michele Parker & Cameron Holland, Reading Coach

Middle School/Jr. High teachers, come learn about your assessment program for benchmarking and RTI that students will be using this year! This program screens and monitors the reading and math skills of K–8 students. With its robust set of standards-aligned measures, AimswebPlus is proven to uncover learning gaps quickly, identify at-risk students, and assess individual and classroom growth.

Blackboard Reach

Sessions 1-6

Room 103

Presenter: Todd Huettel, Bb Senior Trainer

Need to have the option for two-way communication with parents? Blackboard Reach works through our county SCCS app for teachers and parents to communicate in a text-like way without having to give out your personal information.

Digital Citizenship/Literacy

Sessions 1-6

Room 308

Presenter: Elizabeth Thompson, SMS

Are you familiar with the Digital Literacy and Computer Science (DLCS) standards that we are all responsible for? Come see resources you can use to challenge students to use technology responsibly within their content area. Just like teachers establish procedures and processes within classrooms, students need to be taught procedures and processes when collaborating, creating, and working through technology. Learn to focus on using the higher-level vocabulary in the standards within your content.

Digital Connections

Sessions 1-6

Room 110

Presenter: Cody Wilkerson, SMS

Ever wanted to connect your students with students around the world? It can be done! Come join this session to learn how to do this using Microsoft Teams Meeting and hear about the "Aha!" moments students can have. This will inspire you to give it a try!

Dragonfly (Specific to Coaches)

Sessions 5-6 only

Room 104

Presenter: Jared Peoples, OMS

Hey Coaches! Learn how to use Dragonfly as a communication tool and with your athletes and parents!

ELLevation

Sessions 1-6

Room 105

Presenter: Adrian Ward, ELL

Ever heard that ELL is good for ALL? This program will be used by teachers of EL students for data tracking, but the reading and math resources are for ALL students! This is an important session to attend to become familiar with this program teachers will be using this year.
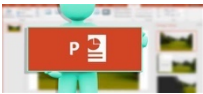
ELLevation - **MANDATORY SESSION FOR MATH GRADES 6-9**

Session 6 only

Room 305

Presenter: ELL Trainer

Math teachers in grades 6-9 will be logging in to ELLevation in order to set up and learn to navigate your Accounts and how to use them with ELL and ALL students.

Engaging Students Through PowerPoint

Sessions 1-6

Room 201

Presenter: Mary Morrow, SCCHS

What can we learn from graphic designers that can enhance content and create more student engagement? A lot! I will discuss why visuals matter when using PowerPoint as well as share some graphic design tips/techniques that I use when creating presentations. Design trends and PPT template use/customization will also be discussed.

Managing Your School/Teacher Webpage

Sessions 1-6

Room 301

Presenter: Amanda Umphrey, SHS

Our school website and teacher pages are an important information tool for parents and students. Learn how to navigate and create an engaging webpage.

Microsoft Forms
Sessions 3-6 only
Room 107
Presenter: Celia Jeffres, SHS
Create online quizzes, tests, and surveys with Microsoft Forms! Great for formative and summative assessment! This tool also includes Immersive Reader and language translations to support struggling readers and EL students.

Microsoft Teams for Beginners
Sessions 1-6
Room 306
Presenters: Michele Rogers & Sloan Lewis, AMS
New to Teams? Not sure whether you use the online version or the app version? Come learn the basics of using Microsoft Teams as an online classroom through Posts, Assignments, extra tabs, and meetings.

Microsoft Teams for Inter/Advanced Users
Sessions 1-6
Room 109
Presenter: Kerrie Mahaffey, SHS
Know the basics of using Microsoft Teams? Want to learn more of the features in Teams like using Channels? With all of the new updates in Teams, this is a great session to become familiar with where things may have moved if you are already familiar with using Teams as your online classroom.
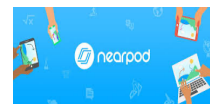
Microsoft Teams – Class Notebook
Sessions 1-6
Room 303
Presenter: Brittney Newbold, SMS
Not sure about how to use the Class Notebook feature in Teams? Are you familiar with OneNote? Class Notebook is the OneNote program embedded into Teams. Come learn how to help students create a digital portfolio or use it as a place to create units that can be pushed out to students and worked on individually or collaboratively.

Nearpod
Sessions 1-6
Room 106
Presenter: Terrie Brasher, MHS
Want to engage students with dynamic learning and collaboration—all while formatively assessing their proficiency? Sounds too good to be true? Learn about Nearpod and how you can use it with your students!

Pear Deck

Sessions 2, 3, and 5 only

Room 114

Presenter: Brandy Hyatt, TIS

Discover the amazing tools in Pear Deck that create interactive slides in online PowerPoint to use with students both in-person and virtually.

PowerSchool SIS Basics – Part 1 & Part 2: Admins, Counselors, Front Office/Bookkeepers who help with front office (not classroom teachers)

Sessions 1-2 only (You will need to attend both sessions for the full training.)

Room: Library

Presenter: Brandi Caldwell, ATiM

It's here. . .whether we are ready or not. Join Brandi Caldwell for the basic navigation of PowerSchool SIS on the live side!

PowerTeacher Pro – Gradebook for Classroom Teachers

Sessions 3-6 only

Room: Library

Presenter: Brandi Caldwell, ATiM

Come learn our new gradebook, PowerTeacher Pro! Join Brandi Caldwell for the overview of how to navigate the new gradebook and learn how to take attendance, create assignments, enter grades, etc. PowerTeacher Pro will be a wonderful tool for teachers to use not only for entering grades, but for formative assessment and RTI!

Professional Learning

Sessions 1-3 for Assigned new teachers only

Room 305

Sessions 2, 3, and 5 for all teachers

Room 113

Presenter: Lisa Glasgow, SCCS (*Assigned new teachers only*)

Presenter: Shelley McCoy, TIS (Sessions for returning teachers)

Come learn how to login and navigate Professional Learning to check your professional development transcript, join PD sessions, and enter credit requests. Lisa Glasgow's sessions are specific for new teachers who have been assigned, and Shelley McCoy's sessions are for all teachers. If you will be renewing your teaching certificate this school year, plan on attending Shelley McCoy's sessions.

Technology Contacts Training: (<u>For building Tech Contacts only</u> – Session 6)
Session 6 only
Room 113

Presenter: Tech Team

Are you the tech contact for your school building? Join the Tech Team for preparing for the start of school and meeting the needs of teachers, students, and parents.

Using Desmos with the New Math Textbook
Sessions 1-6
Room 302

Presenter: Hope Seabrook, SMS

Learn how to use tools in Desmos like in-class calculators, digital math activities, and curriculum to help every student love math and love learning math.

Using Technology for Student Engagement
Sessions 1-6
Room 304

Presenter: Sarah Patterson, SCCHS

Learn how to increase student participation and build confidence in sharing responses/giving peer feedback, while also providing instant formative assessment data using existing lessons. Program overview examples: Nearpod, Actively Learn, Pear Deck, Padlet, etc.