

# St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOR TOMORROW AWARD  
15 Years  
1998-2012  
INNOVATIONS  
IN EDUCATION

## High-Tech Teaching

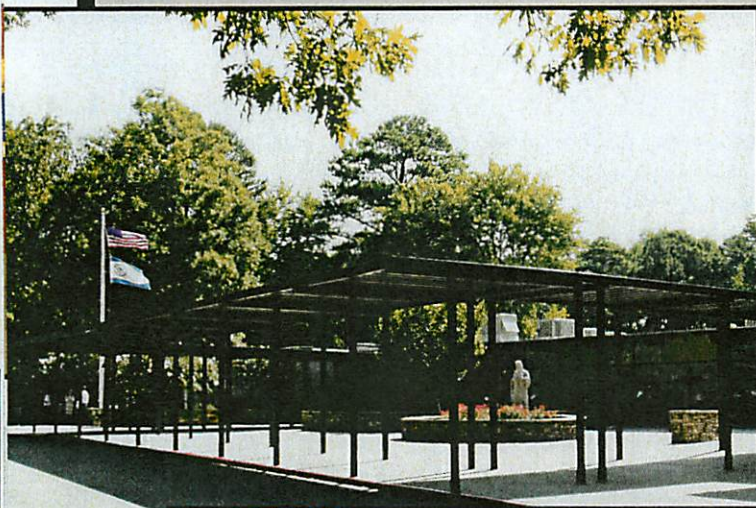
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School in Atlanta, GA, is one of a group of schools which is taking part in a pilot program designed to test a new, high-tech approach to education. Through grants from Speedwell and Shelter Hill and with the application Net Texts, eighth-graders at the schools received their own iPad 2.

During summer break the teachers learned about both the Net Texts application and the iPad. Before the students received their iPads, parents were required to attend meetings covering acceptable use policies as well as the plan for using the new technology.

Through Net Texts, teachers create units of student work and store them on the site where they can share with other teachers. The completed courses are then downloaded onto students' iPads, giving each student everything needed for a course in one place. The courses include usual materials such as worksheets and PowerPoint presentations but can also include video clips and other internet resources, giving students the most up-to-date information.

Principals and teachers have reported that the iPad-based courses are very engaging to students. Students are willingly researching topics in more depth and finding more creative ways to complete assignments. An added bonus is that they tend to be better organized, using calendar and student planner applications.

Other schools participating in the program in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. John the Evangelist, St. Jude the Apostle, and St. Thomas More, as well as independent Catholic school Notre Dame Academy.



**Award Category:** Innovation facilitated by technology

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Archdiocese:** Atlanta

**Principal:** Patty Childs

**Students:** 517

**Grades:** K-8

**Website:** [saintjude.net](http://saintjude.net)