

# St. Augustine of Canterbury School wins \$10,000 high tech equipment

KENDALL PARK — In April, Tony DeBari, technology coordinator for St. Augustine of Canterbury School entered the TECH-IT-UP SHARP CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE. For the challenge, he submitted answers to questions, including ones about how the school would integrate a Sharp 70" Class AQUOS BOARD™ interactive display system to improve the students' educational experience. He also explained how the students would benefit from this new technology.

On June 26, the school was notified that they had been chosen out of 500 entries as one of the 10 runner-up winners, with a prize valued over \$10,000. This July, the prize was delivered to the school, and several students were asked to come in to try out the features of the new Sharp 70" Class AQUOS BOARD™ interactive display system.

In his entry to the challenge, DeBari wrote, "Saint Augustine School takes an organic approach to integrating technology in the classroom and we strive to provide a 21st Century learning environment for our students. Sharp's AQUOS Board interactive display systems would be used to augment, and in many cases replace, our traditional classroom whiteboards /blackboards. We do have a few legacy interactive whiteboards that our teachers share and use very effectively as instructional tools. However, the multitouch and multiuser capability of



Students from St. Augustine of Canterbury School are all smiles after trying out the school's new Sharp 70" Class AQUOS BOARD™. Pictured Left to Right: Tony DeBari, technology coordinator, Patrick, 8th grader, Caden, 2nd grader, Ella, 5th grader, Gianna, 7th grader and Debbie Knox, computer teacher. —photo courtesy of Debbie Knox

the AQUOS Board would allow for much richer interactive lessons and a more engaging teacher/student experience than is possible with our current technology."

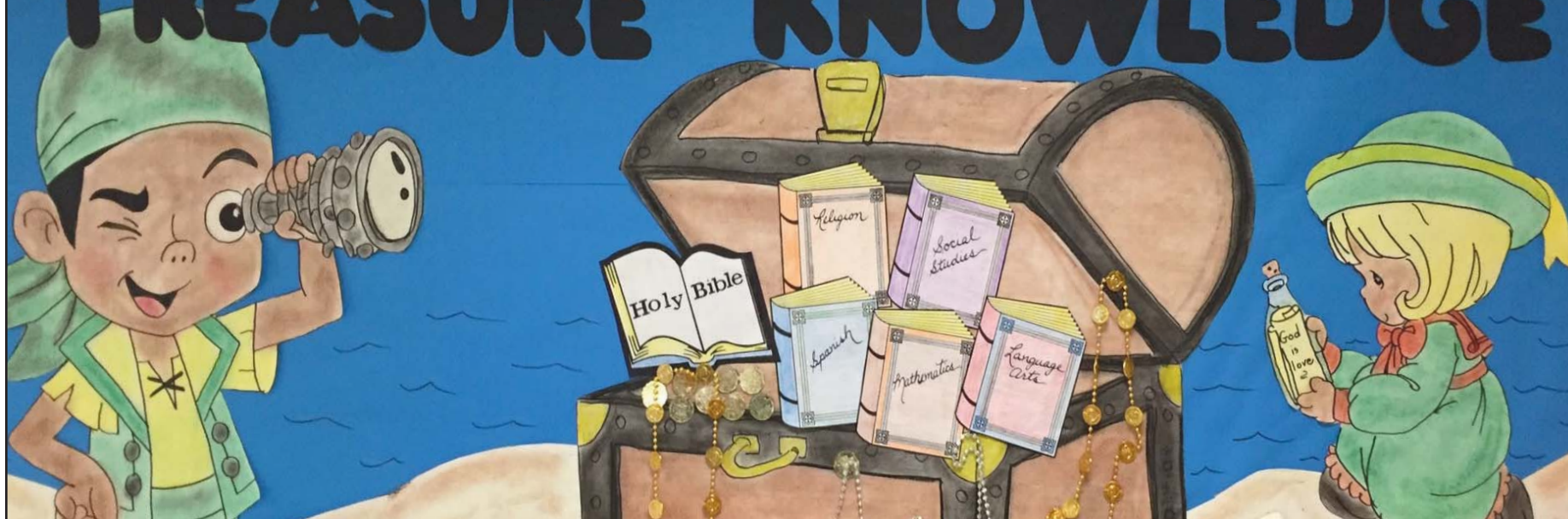
Features of the AQUOS Board include Simultaneous Writing, which is the ability of having four different students that can write and work on the board at the

same time; 1920 x 1080 HD Resolution, which allows the board to be viewed from multiple angles in both dark and well-lit rooms; built-in Windows PC (no laptop or projector needed) and Sharp's Touch Display Link software, which enables multifaceted wireless communication.

DeBari noted, "The Sharp 70" Class

AQUOS BOARD™ interactive display system will be used along with the Discovery Education Streaming Plus Service, a cross-curricular STEM resource, to bring the STEM Lab and curriculum of St. Augustine of Canterbury School, into a cutting-edge 21st Century technology integration experience." —Debbie Knox

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