

# Technology Connections “Challenge” Coming Up Soon!

Please give this information to:

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students not currently enrolled in Tech Connections at Bellingham or Squalicum High School
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have transferred to this district

9th grade students or high school transfers who wish to demonstrate their technology skills and thus "*challenge*" the Technology Connections class have an opportunity to do so. Students who complete the “Challenge” successfully will have the Technology Connections requirement waived and may sign up for more advanced technology-based classes. Students and their parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting that reviews the process, activities and timeline for the challenge. (**Sehome** ninth grade students will be meeting this requirement in their **World Connections** course.)

**Informational meeting—7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 28, BHS Library.**

***Attendance at the informational session is open to parents/students from all high schools.***

The ***performance demonstration*** of technology use for the Tech Connections Challenge is scheduled for **Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Bellingham High School, Room 152.**

Students who plan to participate in the "demonstration" will need to work with the Library/Media/Technology Specialist at their school to **complete a series of tasks prior to the Saturday challenge.** ***A packet of information describing the challenge process and timeline will be distributed at the informational meeting. There are 5 steps in the process:***

1. Attend information session. By Friday, **Oct. 31**, meet with librarian to return signed Student Interest/Parent Permission Form **and** schedule sessions with librarian.
2. Complete demonstration of skills to librarian—network navigation, email, basic computer, Internet search, and database use skills—by Friday, **Nov. 7.**
3. Complete specified activities to an acceptable standard. Testing session: **Saturday, Nov. 15, at Bellingham High School’s Technology Lab (Room 152), 9:00-3:00.**
4. Turn in other projects to Tech Connections teacher by Friday, **Dec. 17.**
5. Meet with your career specialist to complete activities in the Career & Educational Planning Module by Tuesday, **Feb. 27.**

**A reminder: Tech Connections is a required class, usually completed in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. At Sehome High School, this requirement is met through the World Connections class. It is also offered in Summer School for students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.**

For more information, talk to the librarian in your school or write to Gigi Morganti ([gmorgant@bham.wednet.edu](mailto:gmorgant@bham.wednet.edu)) or Ann Reed ([areed@bham.wednet.edu](mailto:areed@bham.wednet.edu)). See website for information: <http://www.bham.wednet.edu/technology/TechWeb/TCHome/default.htm>