A Snapshot of
TECHNOLOGY TOOLS
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Animoto
Free web tool that turns photos and music into video slideshows.
Website: http://animoto.com/intro/animoto/22?gclid=CNPX-8GQ-64CFQfe4AodoFvZzQ

Audacity
Sound editor and recording software, found under "Applications" on SVHS network.
Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mf7-2KSqj4s

Blabberize
Free web tool that creates talking pictures.
Website: http://blabberize.com/
Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEtUu1r8Pe4

Blog
A web site on which an individual or group of users record opinions, information, etc. on a regular basis.
Examples: http://svhsprincipalblog.blogspot.com/ and http://svchem.edublogs.org/
Edublog website: http://edublogs.org/
Create a Google blog:
https://accounts.google.com/ServiceLogin?service=blogger&passive=1209600&continue=http://www.blogger.com/home&followup=
http://www.blogger.com/home&ltmpl=start#s01

BrainPOP
A web tool that allows you to create animated curriculum-based content including movies, quizzes, activity pages, and school homework help. Remote access code is on the Edline/LMC page.
Website: http://www.brainpop.com/

Databases
Online research and media references that teachers and students can access via the Edline/LMC page.
Example: http://www.ipl.org

Discovery Education Streaming
An online video-on-demand teaching service that is correlated to state K-12 curriculum standards. Remote access code is on the Edline/LMC page.
Website: http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/

Glogster EDU
Free web tool allowing you to drag and drop images, text, music and video into an interactive poster.
Website: http://edu.glogster.com/

Google Maps
Website which provides a birds-eye view of geography, terrain, and landscapes from any location in the world.
Website: http://maps.google.com/

Kurzweil
Text-to-speech reader, found under "Applications"-->"AT Software" on SVHS network.
Information: http://www.kurzweiledu.com/default.html

Live Binders

Website that collects and organizes your resources into a virtual binder (free).

Website: http://www.livebinders.com/

Make Beliefs Comix

Free web tool to create, print and email original comic strips.

Website: http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/

Mindmeister and Bubbl.us

Free web mind mapping tool for brainstorming or list making.

Websites: http://www.mindmeister.com/ and https://bubbl.us/

Museum Box

Free website tool which allows you to build up an argument or description of an event, person or historical period by placing items in a virtual box.

Website: http://museumbox.e2bn.org/
Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6fDRktWIGg

OneNote

MS Office planner and note-taking program, found under "Applications" on SVHS network, that captures text and images as well as video and audio notes.

Demo: http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/onenote-help/demo-what-is-onenote-HA010168634.aspx

Photo Story

A free photo presentation program that lets you drag photos onto a window, arrange them as needed, provide custom narration, transitions, zooms, pans, audio soundtracks and/or custom auto-generated music, then export the result as a WMV file. Found under "Applications" on SVHS network.

Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtB6_D_toVQ

Podcast

A multimedia digital file made available on the Internet for downloading to a portable media player, computer, etc.

Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQFKNcdCdLM

Poll Everywhere

Free web tool that uses mobile phones, Twitter and the web to gather live responses in any venue: conferences, presentations, classrooms, radio, tv, print.

Website: http://www.polleverywhere.com/

Prezi

Free presentation web software with zoomable canvas.

Website: http://prezi.com/
Demo: http://prezi.com/learn/getting-started/

Primary Access

Free website tool that enables you to combine text, audio and images into personal narratives and digital stories, using a movie-making process.

Website: http://www.primaryaccess.org/

Quizlet

Offers over 10 million free sets of flashcards covering every possible subject (including AP, SAT, ACT) and the capability to create your own.

Website: http://quizlet.com/

QR (Quick Response) Code

A type of barcode arranged in a square pattern on a white background that contains information, including links to websites, and which can be scanned by mobile devices.

Create a QR Code: http://gadgetwise.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/qa-make-a-quick-qr-code/

Speechables

A free photo service that lets you upload photos or pictures and add speech bubbles, captions and doodles to them and share via social media.

Website: http://en.speechable.com/

Survey Tools

Websites which allows collection of information by creating a form online; the form may be linked or printed.

Google Docs Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzgaUOW6GIs

Turnitin

Free online academic plagiarism detector.

Tutorial: http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/getting-started

Voki

A free text-to-speech language tool in over 25 languages to create online lesson plans.

Website: http://www.voki.com/

Wallwisher

An online notice board maker. Discussing a new idea? Taking notes? Giving feedback? Voicing opinion? Wishing a happy birthday? Wallwisher is an Internet application that allows people to express their thoughts on a common topic easily.

Website: www.wallwisher.com/ andFAQ: http://www.wallwisher.com/faqs

Wiki

A website where users can freely create and edit web page content using any web browser.

Demo: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnL00TdmLY

Wordle

A free online tool that creates "word clouds" from text that you provide; the results may be printed.

Website: http://www.wordle.net/