

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Principal John Falino Selected to Speak at National Teachers Convention On Digital Literacy

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. November 6, 2013-- Dobbs Ferry High School Principal John Falino, who began his education career as an English teacher, will be speaking at the 2013 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Boston on Sunday, November 24th. He will be participating on the panel “Diving in (Headfirst) to Digital Literacy: Reinventing Yourself as a 21st Century English Teacher.”

Falino is the only administrator on the panel which includes three other English teachers from the New York area. The focus of his presentation encompasses how to use educational technology in the classroom. An avid blogger and tweeter himself, Falino knows a thing or two about social media and motivating staff members to jump on the digital bandwagon. Using Dobbs Ferry High School teachers as a “sample” group, Falino will address the challenges in implementing technology and offer practical suggestions. He will also touch upon the High School’s new chrome book initiative and 1:1 computing program.

According to the presentation description, “research suggests that even though teachers of English recognize the importance of incorporating digital literacies into their classrooms, the majority have not achieved effective integration. Sometimes the only way to move teaching practices forward is to jump headfirst into the unknown and experiment with new ways of approaching daily curriculum.”

“I would definitely describe John as an ‘early adopter’ of educational technology,” said Dobbs Ferry Superintendent Dr. Lisa Brady. “He has been at the forefront of bringing the High School into the 21st Century in terms of encouraging teachers in every content area to try and incorporate technology into their instructional practices. Technology can be instrumental in reinforcing lessons and further engaging students in the curriculum. This is a terrific honor and opportunity for John and a great way to showcase what the Dobbs Ferry School District is doing in the area of digital literacy.”

The 2013 NCTE Annual Convention will be held November 21-24 at the Hynes Conventional Center in Boston, Mass. Each year, the NCTE Annual Convention draws thousands of elementary and secondary educators, college faculty, administrators and other educational professionals from around the world to participate in four days of professional learning programming. Don’t miss out on this important event. **Principal Falino will be tweeting during the Convention and you can follow him @johnfalino1.**

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