



# Teaching with Technology Webinar Series

Virtual professional development is a GREAT way to help your teachers grow professionally in a flexible and cost-effective format.

Support your teachers by providing them with ongoing, highly targeted professional development which qualify for continuing education credits.

A district webinar subscription will provide all of your teachers with access to a Wednesday webinar (30 unique sessions) for the entire 2025-26 school year.

### Audience:

These webinar sessions are ideal for any K-12 teacher using Google Workspace for Education.

### Participant requirements:

- Google Workspace account
- Laptop (mac, PC, or Chromebook)

### Webinar Format:

- Length: 45-60 minutes
- New session every Wednesday
- On-demand access
- Detailed written summary
- Earn 1 hour of cont. ed credit

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### AI focus for 2025-26

John's Wednesday webinars are 45-60 minute sessions focused on easy ways to use technology in the classroom. This year's sessions will emphasize the safe and effective use of AI in the classroom. A sample recording is [available here](#).



### Classroom templates & resources

Teachers will receive a detailed written summary for each session which provides links to classroom templates and additional resources. A sample digital learning guide is [available here](#).



### Continuing Education Credit

Teachers can earn 1 hour of continuing education credit for each session. Certificates of participation are provided and verified by John Sowash. Additional participation data can be provided to district administrators upon request.

## 2025-26 Webinar Schedule

New sessions are released every Wednesday at 9am and can be viewed at any time. This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on new releases and product updates

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# October | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## 5 cool tools to try this school year

Looking for something different to use in your classroom this year? Here are five NEW tools that I recommend you consider using in your classroom this year. There's something for all subjects and grade levels!

**Ability: All | Grade level focus: All | Subject Area focus: All**



## Classroom Kickstart

This session is your opportunity to learn about the latest features, upgrades, and new ways to harness the power of Google Classroom. Make Google Classroom your communication hub this year and work smarter, not harder!

**Ability: All | Grade level focus: PK-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Tech for elementary teachers

Think that Google Drive, Classroom, and Chromebooks are too advanced for K-3 students? Think again! This session will focus on practical, hands-on ways to use Google with elementary students. We will discuss the practical issues of using technology with young students and look at new ways that AI is being used by elementary teachers.

**Ability: All | Grade level focus: PK-5 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Simplify your lesson planning with AI

Everyone is talking about AI, but can it actually save you time? Join me to learn tips and strategies for using free AI tools to help you generate lesson plans, map your lessons to state standards, and plan out your instructional calendar. This practical session will help you SAVE TIME by letting AI support your professional skills.

**Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: PK-12 | Subject Area focus: All**

# November | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## Getting started with NotebookLM

NotebookLM is an AI tool that helps you and your students study more effectively. It works by analyzing your documents and automatically creating summaries, study guides, and outlines. You can upload all kinds of materials—like Google Docs, PDFs, and articles—and turn them into a personalized AI assistant for any subject

**Ability:** Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



## The BEST AI tools for teachers in 2025

Join me to explore the BEST AI tools for teachers. This session will provide a comprehensive and up-to-date overview of the essential AI tools and strategies for the 2025-26 school year. We'll cut through the noise to focus on the most impactful applications for teachers, including how to use generative AI for efficient lesson planning, creating differentiated materials, and streamlining your workflow.

**Ability:** All | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



## A Teacher's guide to Chromebooks

Unlock the full potential of your classroom Chromebooks! This session goes beyond the basics to reveal cool, "hidden" features and time-saving tricks. You'll learn about powerful built-in tools like the camera app, easy screenshot shortcuts, and virtual desks for organization. We will also explore essential Chrome extensions and accessibility features that can enhance every lesson.

**Ability:** Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Any



**Thanksgiving break - no session**

# December | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## Coaching student writing in the age of AI

Are you concerned about students using AI to cheat on writing assignments? You're not alone. This session is designed for English teachers grappling with this new challenge, showing you how to shift your focus from the final, polished product to the critical steps of the writing process. By making the writing journey the focus of your instruction, you can empower students to develop their own voice, prevent AI-driven plagiarism, and cultivate authentic writing skills that will last a lifetime.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: 6-12 | Subject Area focus: ELA**



## Organize your digital life

Are you struggling to stay on top of email, documents, grading, and lesson planning? Being organized and efficient is critical so that you can spend less time shuffling information around, and more time helping students or staff. You will learn the top tips for organizing email, documents, photos, web resources, and more. Plus, you will learn automation strategies to help you work smarter, not harder.

**Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: PK-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Using AI with Students

There are a growing number of tools that allow students to interact with artificial intelligence. This session will demonstrate several tools including MagicStudent SchoolAI, LearnLM, and Canva. Regardless of your personal thoughts on giving students access to AI, this session will give you a look some new, interesting options.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: 4-12 | Subject Area focus: Technology**



**Christmas break - no session**

# January | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## Grading with Gemini: Instant Feedback, Less time!

Grading and providing meaningful feedback can be one of the most time-consuming parts of teaching. What if AI could help? This session is designed to show you how to leverage Google Gemini to streamline your grading process and shorten the feedback loop for students. We will demonstrate how to use Gemini to analyze student work, suggest personalized feedback based on your rubrics, and provide quick, actionable comments that improve student motivation.

**Ability: Beginner/Intermediate | Grade level focus: 5-12 | Subject Area focus: ELA**



## Creating Gemini Gems for your Classroom

Gemini Gems are custom AI experts that you can create to help students with any topic, from writing a rough draft to brainstorming a science project. During this session I'll explore how to provide the Gem with specific context and resources, like a lesson plan or a list of vocabulary words, to make it a truly helpful teammate. You'll leave with a clear understanding of how to leverage this powerful tool to support student writing, research, and creative problem-solving in a safe and structured way.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: 5-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Supporting students with special learning needs

Everyone learns differently. Learning support tools and accommodations are a lifeline for students with learning disabilities. These tools can make the difference between success and failure. This session will introduce you to the best tools and resources for supporting students with special learning needs.

**Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: All | Subject Area focus: Special Education**

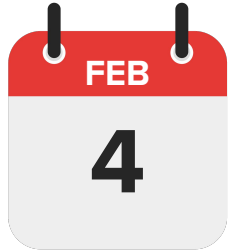


## Improve your Ai prompting skills

"Prompt engineering" is the skill of phrasing questions in a way that is most likely to result in a useful response. During this session we will explore best practices for generating queries using ChatGPT and Google Gemini. You'll also get a list of sample prompts written specifically for K-12 teachers.

**Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All**

# February | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## Elementary AI: Smart strategies to save time and inspire creativity

This session is designed to show K-5 teachers how to use AI to improve instruction and eliminate time-consuming tasks. We'll look at how to create engaging, personalized parent communication templates and newsletters to keep families informed with minimal effort and dive into fun, creative AI-powered activities that spark imagination and storytelling.

**Ability:** Beginner | **Grade level focus:** PK-5 | **Subject Area focus:** Any



## Intro to Google Sheets

This session is a no-judgement introduction to spreadsheet basics. We'll talk about sorting and filtering data, easy formulas (addition, subtraction, etc), and creating graphs & charts. If you don't consider yourself a "spreadsheet person," this is the perfect session for you!

**Ability:** Beginner | **Grade level focus:** All | **Subject Area focus:** All



## Supercharge your spreadsheet skills with AI

AI tools like Google Gemini and ChatGPT are really good at writing complex formulas for Google Sheets. During this session I'll demonstrate how I used AI to develop a curriculum mapping planner with lots of automations built in.

**Ability:** Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All

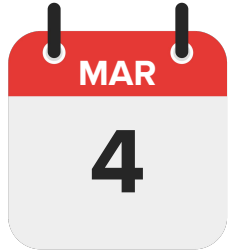


## Science teaching toolbox

Let's use technology to bring science to life! This session will reveal my favorite tools, tips, and strategies for teaching life, physical, and earth science at all grade levels. We'll also explore interesting ways you can use AI to build science lessons.

**Ability:** Beginner | **Grade level focus:** PK-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Science

# March | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## Gemini power-up: advanced classroom strategies

How can Google Gemini truly transform your teaching? This session is for teachers ready to go deeper with Gemini. We'll explore advanced strategies like using Gemini's advanced capabilities to analyze student work, interpret data from Google Sheets, and create dynamic, multi-step lesson plans.

**Ability:** Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



## End of year project ideas

It's time to plan your end-of-year project to showcase the growth of your students. We'll look at using Google Slides, Sites, video, and podcasting to showcase student learning. These are brilliant projects to share with families at the end of the year!

**Ability:** Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



**Spring break - no session**



## Deep dive into Google Vids

Google Vids is a brand NEW tool for Google Drive that makes it easy to turn a document or presentation into a video. This brand new tool has great potential for parent communication, student presentations, and creative multimedia project. Let's explore the use of Google Vids in the classroom together!

**Ability:** Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** 6-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All

# April | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## TikTok videos in the Classroom?!

SHOCK your students by telling them to create "TikTok" style videos for your next assignment. This session is NOT about TikTok, it's about using the creative elements of short-form video to encourage learning and creativity. You'll leave with new lesson ideas that build essential skills in writing and communication.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: 5-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## 30 ways to use Google Forms in the classroom

Google Forms is more than a tool for assessments and surveys. I'll share real examples of forms used for lesson planning, IEP accommodations, parent communication, escape rooms, reading logs and MORE! You'll get a detailed list of all 30 forms and templates you can use in your own classroom!

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Zero to coeder: building simple apps with Gemini

Have you ever wanted to create a custom tool for your classroom but thought coding was too difficult? Think again! This session is designed to transform non-coders into creators using Google Gemini as your personal programming partner. We'll show you how to use simple, everyday language to generate code for practical applications like a random student picker, review games, and random story generators.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Check out my Chrome!

You spend a lot of time using the Chrome browser, but do you know these 10 advanced features? We'll dive into essential keyboard tricks, accessibility features for everyone, organization strategies and some cool extensions. This is an essential session for Chrome power users and anyone who teaches in a 1:1 Chromebook environment.

**Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All**



## Teaching with AI: designing lessons for student exploration

This session will demonstrate how you can incorporate AI into your classroom activities to design engaging lessons. We'll explore strategies for using tools like Gemini Gems and NotebookLM to help students brainstorm ideas, conduct research, and even create dynamic multimedia projects. Learn how to set up student-led activities where AI serves as a collaborator, encouraging critical thinking and deeper exploration of a subject.

**Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: Humanities; Admins**

# May | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



## 5 awesome tips for teaching with Google Slides

If you enjoy creating lessons with Google slides, this session is for you! Join me to explore five ADVANCED features that will enhance your use of Google Slides in the classroom. These new and “hidden” features will re-energize your use of Slides and improve your lessons.

**Ability:** Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



## Hands on learning with Google Sites

Google Sites is an ideal tool for group projects, portfolios, and class showcases. This session will demonstrate the potential for Google Sites and introduce key tools and strategies you can use to engage your students in project based learning.

**Ability:** All | **Grade level focus:** 4-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



## Tips for wrapping up the school year

The end of the school year is approaching. Before you head out on summer vacation, there are a few things you should do to close up your courses for the year. These tips will also put you in a great position for next year! Follow these simple tips and you'll be able to relax this summer!

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