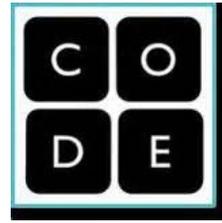


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“It’s the Closest Thing to Having a Superpower”

That’s what Andrew W. "Drew" Houston, internet entrepreneur and creator of Dropbox said when referencing the power of computer programming.

The Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Buffalo have already shown their commitment to preparing its students for the future by initiating the STREAM program in many schools. As part of our ongoing dedication to prepare our students for a successful future, between December 8 and December 12, 2014, the 10 STREAM pilot schools will be participating in an Hour of Code.

All schools, students and parents are encouraged to participate in this- the largest learning event in history. Watch the video at Code.org for more information.

What is the Hour of Code? It’s a movement designed to introduce students across the globe, to the wonderful world of computer coding. The theory is that in one hour, students, teachers or anyone, for that matter, can learn that computer science is fun, easy, and accessible at all ages.

Code.org®, the organization that started this global movement, is a non-profit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools. They are strong advocates for the belief that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science and computer programming as part of the core curriculum, alongside other STEM courses.

According to Code.org®, “Computer science develops students’ computational and critical thinking skills and shows them how to create, not simply use, new technologies. This fundamental knowledge is needed to prepare students for the 21st century, regardless of their ultimate field of study or occupation.”

This organization is so dedicated to the cause of making computer programming easily accessible, they provide educational resources for all ages to anyone interested in learning more about code- free of charge!

Visit Code.org to download free resources for yourself, your children or your students!