Getting Started with GarageBand

iLife Suite Overview

The iLife Suite is a unique set of applications to the Mac computer. The applications included in the suite allow users to create and share different types of media files to create a range of multi-media projects. The MacBooks at Regina Catholic School Division currently have iLife 09 installed. Within the iLife Suite, the following applications are beneficial for multi-media projects:
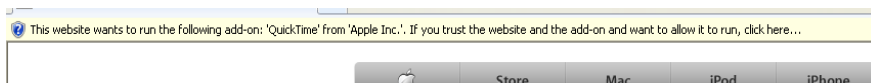
GarageBand

GarageBand is for creating music and podcasts. There are hundreds of pre-recorded sound loops available to make creating music easier. Music and podcasts created in GarageBand are shared to iTunes. From iTunes, these tracks can be integrated into iMovie projects.

Tutorials

This tutorial provides an overview of Garageband. You can select from a range of different tutorials to view from this link: http://www.apple.com/findouthow/music/

Instructions for viewing video files at school: When you visit the Apple site for the first time, a yellow bar pops up at the top of the screen:

Click on the bar and select "Run Add-on". You may be asked if you would like to update. Choose "No". The video should now load.

The following topics that would be considered helpful include:

- Getting Started with GarageBand
- Building a Song
- Using Built-in Software Instruments
- Editing and Arranging Your Song
- Mixing Your Song
- Sending Songs to Your iTunes Library
- Creating a Podcast

Lesson Ideas and Curriculum Integration

The links below are examples of GarageBand integration from other school division curricula. These ideas could be used as inspiration for creating lessons that incorporate Saskatchewan curriculum outcomes.

Jingle Writing: http://web.me.com/aftertrace/Jingles/Index.html
Musical Composition Unit: http://web.me.com/aftertrace/When_Doves_Cry/week_3.html
Film Composition Project: http://web.me.com/aftertrace/FilmIceAge/Index.html

For further ideas, visit iTunes U in iTunes. iTunes is installed on all computers in Regina Catholic Schools.

For more information, please contact **ET_Help_Desk@rcs.sk.ca**

For more information about other iLife applications, visit the following links in Moodle – Educational Technology - Software:

iMovie   iDVD   iPhoto