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This will be the last edition for the school year. We may post you during the summer about any other urgent items that come up. *Since some of you may be already closed up for the year, we will re-post this important information in the fall.*

Computer Service and Repair, Network Fundamentals, and Electricity and Electronics – These topics are relevant to all.

In this newsletter we have several *New and IMPORTANT* items for you and your class to close out the year. Traditionally, we provide another set of pop quizzes, but since Windows 8 Consumer Operating System Beta Version has been released, we felt it was more important to get a jump on it.

Below, we have provided an *Introduction To Windows 8 Consumer Beta* article that emphasizes the basics of the new system. A lot of things have changed since Windows 7, especially how to get around inside the system. The all new interface will prove to be frustrating until you get used to it. The short introduction is designed to cover the installation requirements, some of the new features, and the most common way to navigate the system. We have also provided a short 20 question pop quiz on the Windows 8 as well as a Shortcut Worksheet of the most common shortcut keys required to navigate the system.

I would advise putting your students on it as soon as possible or make it a project for over the summer break.

Usually, the newsletter is divided into three sections, but we feel this topic will crossover to all three subjects.

Below are the links to the files.

[Introduction to Windows 8 Consumer Beta (link here)](Introduction to Windows 8 Consumer Beta)

[Introduction to Windows 8 Pop Quiz (Link here)](Introduction to Windows 8 Pop Quiz)

Common Windows 8 - Shortcut keys

The second important topic we have covered here in an introductory level is the newly developed and marketed services of Cloud Computing. While the actual process is not completely new, the vendor marketing has made Cloud computing the latest craze, as well as a signal of things to come.

Below is a link to the article, as well as a set of review questions. Within the article are many valuable links to learn more technical information about the Cloud.

[Introduction to Cloud Services](#)

We will discontinue the newsletter over the summer and start back in august 2012 in time for the new school year. I will be working on a study guide for the latest version of the PC certification objectives recently released by CompTIA. The new certification exam will be phased in over the summer. The newest version of the certification is 220-801 and 220-802. The existing 220-701 and 220-702 should still be available until approximately December 2012. Check the CompTIA website for the very latest news on the exam dates.

We are very pleased with the latest set of test objectives. Some of the past objectives made me question the relevance of the test to the actual subject matter. These latest sets are quite clear, concise and right on target. I think you'll like them. The CompTIA subject experts did a great job!

Have a great summer, and please visit our website www.RMRoberts.com and Goodheart-Willcox website www.G-W.com to learn more about our training materials.

As always, we would love to hear from you to see if you appreciate the newsletter series, or if you wish to offer suggestions on topics you would like more information about. Also, please feel free to correct any errors you may find.

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