



Comcast has announced a new Xfinity internet offer to support teachers and school staff with online education during COVID-19.

Teacher Support for Online Learning

With the school year set to begin we've seen a lot of attention on how families can get the Internet and technology services they need to help students be successful during another year of online learning.

But what about the instructors and staff? Some teachers are experiencing similar affordability and access issues as their students. To help address this issue and support educators in Oregon and southwest Washington, Comcast is offering two free months of service throughout the fall to keep them connected.

The new Xfinity Internet offer

for K-12 teachers and administrators as well as university faculty and staff will provide about two months of free Internet service, valued at about \$150, when they sign up for a Xfinity package.

"With learning looking very different this year across the country, we want to help give our educators the connectivity they need to support America's youth during these unprecedented times," said Dana Strong of Xfinity Consumer Services

For more information and to sign up for this offer, visit xfinity.com/teacher.

Online Math for Black Boys

Math Moxie taught by black male teachers

Math Moxie, a revolutionary online math program for Black boys in middle school and taught by Black male math teachers is set to launch this fall, a new resource as so many children are doing remote learning because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The instruction is strategically designed to help meet the needs of Black male youth to escape the prevalence of underachievement in math, lower their rate of expulsions and placement in special education programs, and avoid the school-to-prison pipeline.

Developed by multicultural education specialist and award-winning instructional designer Stephanie Sasser, the goals of Math Moxie are to improve the children's performance in school, boost their self-esteem, and reduce the overall dropout rate for



A new online mathematics enrichment program is designed for black boys and taught by black male teachers. Photo courtesy Blacknews.com.

Black boys across the country.

"Alarming, only 13% of Black boys are proficient in math when they leave the 8th grade, and only 59% go on to graduate from high school," said Sasser. "With COVID-19 adding further barriers to education, the time to take action is now."

Research shows that Black boys benefit greatly from having Black male teachers. Sadly, these teachers make up only 2% of the U.S. teaching workforce.

Math Moxie also addresses the math curriculum needs of a grow-

ing number of Black parents electing to homeschool their children due to concerns about their children's negative experiences in traditional school settings, and will help reduce the widening achievement gaps likely to be caused by school budget shortfalls caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although this program is geared toward Black boys, all children in grades 6-8 are welcome.

For more information, visit MathMoxie.com or send an email to support@mathmoxie.com.

Violence Turns Deadly with Dueling Protests

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p.m. where they located the body of Aaron "Jay" Danielson, 39, a Portland man.

Video circulating on social media give some insight to the shooting, with recorded sounds indicating there may have been a confrontation between the protester and shooter with toxic bear spray deployed before shots rang out. It happened after a rally by counter protesters to those associated with Portland's Black Lives Matter movement. Displaying pro Trump flags, hundreds of the conservative protestors gathered at Clackamas Town Center and then moved toward downtown in pickups and big rig trucks, with some openly carrying guns and others firing paintballs into people on the street.

Authorities said Danielson and

a friend were seen heading downtown to join the Trump supporters. They wore hats with the insignia of Patriot Prayer, a group that has clashed with left-wing protesters in Portland for years, and appeared armed with knives and paintball guns.

Police Chief Chuck Lovell asked the public to give the detectives time to do their important work before drawing conclusions about the shooting.

"If anyone can provide information about this case, I ask them to please reach out to our detectives. This violence is completely unacceptable and we are working diligently to find and apprehend the individual or individuals responsible," Lovell said.

In cellphone video of the shooting, both Danielson and his assailant were seen on a darkened street.

At least three shots rang out in a smoky haze, followed by images of Danielson crumpled on the ground as a friend, Chandler Pappas, slaps him in the face and rolls him over, yelling "Jay! Jay!"

"He was a good man and he was just killed senselessly for no reason other than he believed something different than they do," Pappas told supporters during a rally Sunday. "He was Christian. He was conservative."

Ex-girlfriend Christine Banks said Monday Danielson didn't discuss politics much but of the weeks-long protests in Portland: "He didn't think it was right. ... He was there for peace."

Critics have said that instead of keeping the peace, Patriot Prayer has helped incite violence. Last month in nearby Gresham, Pappas showed up to counter a Black Lives Matter event and, according to the Portland Tribune, declared: "I came here ready for war."

Portland police have yet to make an arrest. On Monday, they asked for witnesses and those who had taken video of the scene to contact them.

A small memorial to Danielson took shape Monday on a sidewalk in front of the parking structure where he collapsed. It included four yellow daisies tied to a tree, a small American flag flapping in the wind, and a sympathy card with a Bible verse and handwritten note.

"Jay went to Jesus, where will you go?"

--Associated Press contributed to this story.

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