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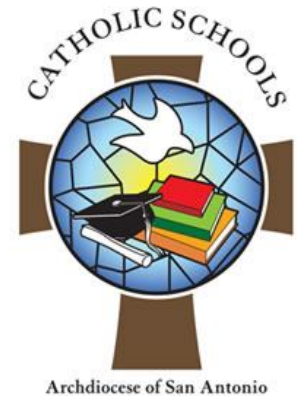
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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29: 11-13



ADMINISTRATION

The Good Shepherd Network of Catholic Schools – Archbishop Gomez announced the uniting of eleven Catholic Schools to form a new network of schools: St. Philip of Jesus, St. Margaret Mary, St. Leo the Great, St. Cecilia, St. James the Apostle, St. Paul, St. John Berchmans, St. Mary Magdalen, Holy Name, St. Benedict and St. Gerard High School. The network will include a new board of governance made up of business, education and pastoral leaders. This decision making body, under the authority of the archbishop, will work toward developing strategic plans and direction to help our network schools gain higher achievement in enrollment, academics and faith formation for families. A director will oversee the entire network, in consultation with the superintendent to act as the immediate supervisor, liaison for family and community outreach. Michael Moretta of Dallas, TX has accepted the position and will come on board with the network in July 2010. This new network is an initiative to bring a firm commitment from community, parish and archdiocese to ensure the future of Catholic schools in our areas of the city that share economic and demographic barriers seen across the nation.

St. Benedict Catholic School – As a vital piece of the “cradle to college” approach from the network schools, St. Benedict will shift a focus of education from elementary to an early childhood center. Beginning in fall 2010, a core group of parishioners and others will work to develop programs geared at providing the best programs for parents and child care with emphasis on the very beginning years. Many thanks to all schools for their patience in awaiting the discernment from St. Benedicts as they made the decision to transition into the early childhood support piece of our “cradle to college” approach for the network. We will be gathering placement information from schools and assisting in placement of students within the next few weeks and ask that each school make a special effort to accommodate students and prioritize filling teaching vacancies with the staff of St. Benedict. Please pray for the success of this network as well as all of our schools as we go forward to provide a bright future for all of our schools.

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CURRICULUM

Professional Development

The ITBS and CogAt testing results have been sent and emailed to each school. A series of teacher workshops was held on May 13 and May 14 to review the different ITBS achievement reports available to parents, students, and principals. Over 100 teachers attended these workshops. Another series of workshops for teachers will be scheduled in August.

Empower Impact Excel is the theme of two exciting teacher workshops being held for the Catholic School teachers during this June. The Region 20 Educational Service Center will be conducting a two-day instructional conference addressing effective teaching practices such as differentiated instruction, reading across the curriculum, effective questioning and small group reading, etc. This conference is being designed for teachers whose students received Federal Program Title I services. This conference will be held on June 15 and 16 at Antonian HS. The conference is free to the qualifying teachers.

Empower Impact Excel is also the theme of first Archdiocesan Catholic K to 12th grade teacher workshop addressing the learning of special needs students. On June 7 at Antonian HS, Special Education professionals will discuss the learning needs of students with dyslexia, the inclusion model with small group instruction, etc. Thus, our teachers will be able to choose from at least twelve different sessions. The workshop is being provided by the Kenedy Grant and guided by the Archdiocesan committee, "Creating Inclusion Programs for Special Needs Students in Catholic schools."

Committees

"Creating Inclusion Programs for special Needs Students in Catholic Schools" met on April and May. Eight members traveled to the Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston to visit three schools that are implementing programs within their schools to address the learning accommodations of special needs students. St. Catherine, a Montessori school, St. Pius X HS, and St. Vincent De Paul Elementary Schools opened their doors to the committee members and shared valuable information. The committee will now make recommendations to the principals for their consideration.

The "8th grade and 9th grade Math Alignment Committee" has been developing mastery checklists for both Pre algebra I and II and regular 8th grade Math courses. The committee consists of both elementary and high school math teachers. The purpose of this committee is to provide clearer students performance expectations for 7th and 8th grade curriculum. The document should be ready by August, 2010.

DEVELOPMENT

Hope for the Future Tuition Assistance Update for 2010-2011 School Year

The Hope for the Future Selection Committee will announce the 2010-2011 tuition assistance awards in mid-June. We have received almost 1,300 applications and thanks to our generous benefactors, we have a record \$830,000 available for tuition awards.

Winner of the Hope for the Future Cadillac Raffle Drives off in Style

Steven Niño bought two raffle tickets and kept them in his wallet until he received the joyous phone call that he had won the Hope for the Future 2004 Cadillac. The Sedan de Ville was turned into tuition assistance thanks to the many generous people who tried their chance at winning it. We thank all those who supported our Hope for the Future Cadillac raffle. "By putting their name in the raffle, these supporters contributed to helping more children in need receive a Catholic education," said Julie Seguin.

Catholic Life Sweepstakes

The Catholic Life Raffle Ticket Sales will begin on July 1, 2010. As always we are so grateful to have Catholic Life Insurance as a corporate sponsor and we encourage 100 percent participation in the raffle. Good luck to all of you!

Hall of Fame and Outstanding Leaders Award Dinner Showcases Gracious Service

Archbishop José H. Gomez and hundreds of Catholic school supporters celebrated the invaluable contributions of six individuals and one couple at the annual Hall of Fame and Outstanding Leaders Award Ceremony on April 30, 2010. Dr. Paul S. Saenz, **Hall of Fame Honoree** was recognized for his enduring support of his alma mater Central Catholic High School, mainly as a team physician and also as a mentor for the students there. The **Outstanding Leaders who were recognized include: Michael Fierro**, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Principal; **Otto and Elsa Marie Garza**, Providence Catholic School and Central Catholic High School volunteers; **Rita Martinez**, Rolling Hills Academy Dean of Students/ Spiritual and Academic Coordinator; **Father Francis McHugh**, Pastor St. Pius X Catholic Church and School; **Sister Luz Moreno**, St. Anthony Catholic High School Religion Teacher; and **Craig Zgabay**, John Paul II Catholic High School and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School volunteer and school council member. The event raised \$41,000.

Hope for the Future 5K

The 4th Annual Hope for the Future 5K Run is scheduled for February 5, 2011, at Mission County Park #2 at 8 am, and will once again be the exhilarating close to Catholic Schools Week. Planning is in full swing and we are looking for sponsors.

Alumni List Grows

Thanks to our Catholic schools, our alumni list is growing and so is the excitement over next year's Hope for the Future Khaki & Plaid Catholic school reunion. So far the alumni list includes 6,000 names. We encourage you to share your alumni list with Pam Hughes at alumnihope@gmail.com or call her at 479-8815 to help make the 2011 Khaki & Plaid the biggest Catholic school reunion ever.

There will be a Catholic schools open house/preview on Saturday, July 31 at South Park Mall.

The next Marketing Meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at the Pastoral Center in Room 102.

DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

Please help us welcome David Morris to our Hope for the Future family.

UPCOMING GRANTS and DUE DATES:

DeBusk Foundation	September 1
The Duda Family Foundation	October 31
Elder Family Foundation	No deadline
Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sister	No deadline
Kenedy Memorial Foundation	December 15
Koch Foundation	February
Kocurek Charitable Foundation (Louis J & Millie Matce)	June
Kronkosky Foundation	
Pryor Charitable Trust (Myra Stafford)	March 31, Jul 31, Oct. 31
Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, Inc.	Between December 8 and Feb 8 for April/May consideration and Between June 8 and August 8 for November consideration.
Robert Stewart Odell and Helen Pfeiffer Odell Fund	No deadline
Scanlan Foundation	April 15 and October 15
Louis H. and Mary Patricia Stumberg Foundation	December 1
The Meadows Foundation	No deadline
Watson Charitable Foundation	No deadline
George W. Brackenridge Foundation	No deadline
Albert & Margaret Alkek Foundation	No deadline
Airborne Teacher Trust Fund, Art & Music Programs	Quarterly deadlines
http://www.airbornetrust.com/programoverview.aspx	
Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants	May 22
Cecilia Young Willard Helping Fund	May 31
The Burkitt Foundation	Feb. 1

FINANCE

The projected budget for 2010-2011 is due to David Nixon.

PERSONNEL

Thank you to all who participated in the Teacher Fair. 18 schools participated and 153 applicants attended. It was a great day at a great location with a steady flow of individuals interested in working at our schools.

Ministry Openings – As you become aware of teacher openings for 2010-11, forward the information to Lottie Lopez at lottie.lopez@archsa.org. This information will be posted on the DCS website employment section.

Criminal Background Checks – With end-of-year field trips coming up and 3 year renewal date expiring, please remember that *all employees and volunteers must have valid Criminal Background Checks* on file. **Allow plenty of time**, as processing cannot be rushed. Be sure to check the entire form for accuracy in order to avoid having forms returned to you. The CBC form can be found on Admin Login and must be submitted with payment to the Office of Human Resources.

Deficiency Plans Removal – Just a reminder, as prepare to have current teachers sign ministry agreements, it is also time to check for progress being made on Deficiency Plans. If deficiencies have been completed you need to file for a Verification of Deficiency Removal. If the deficiency time is soon to expire and you feel an extension is warranted, file for an extension. *All teachers must meet required qualifications or have a deficiency plan on file.*

If you hire new personnel, please use the TCCED deficiency forms as needed. Make sure **before** you issue a new ministry agreement all **deficiency hours** have been **fulfilled**.

Summer at Archdiocesan Catechetical Center 2010 – Check the ACC website, www.archdiossa.org/acc/ , for courses scheduled during the months of June and July 2010.

HEALTH

Thank you to all who attended the Health Coordinators' Meeting.

Updated Health Forms can be found on Admin Login, www.sacatholicschools.org/admin/admin.htm Go to Handbooks and Catalogs, Policy Handbook, or click on [Policy Handbook](#) . Also, go to the Time Sensitive Forms Section, TCCED School Disk or click on [TCCED School Disc 2009 - 2010](#) and open folder #10 Health Manual. If you do not have the ID and password contact your administrator or our office. Forms are updated periodically. The most recent versions are located in the documents noted above. Use these in lieu of those listed in the individual number listings.

HEALTH CONTINUED

Admission Procedures/Student Health Records – As you finalize the admission process for the 2010-2011 school year, remember to review each student’s health and immunization records prior to admission. This will help insure that all health policies, especially immunization requirements, are met and that any special health needs of the student can be addressed by the school. All students, newly admitted and reenrolled, in schools must be in compliance with the new immunization requirements.

Audrey Munoz is an excellent resource to assist with any questions concerning immunization requirements and recommendations.

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Wellness Committee Evaluation – According to the Wellness Policy, (#4810): “*Schools will implement the Wellness Policy by developing local school goals based on the Guidelines for Implementing the Wellness Policy. A Wellness Committee will annually evaluate compliance with the Wellness Policy and local school goals. That evaluation will be shared with the Superintendent.*” As we approach the 4th quarter, this is a reminder to be sure that your Wellness Committee has a plan for that annual evaluation and has begun to discuss goals for the upcoming year.

As you complete the **Annual Reports for Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screenings**, Ramiro Martinez is an excellent resource to assist you with the current reports or if you are in need of accessing prior reports for the file.

Ramiro Martinez

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The information in this DCS Newsletter
is for the use of the administrators, faculty, councils and pastors.
Principals are requested to forward information to appropriate persons.

CALENDAR**EVENT DATES:****PAST DUE:**

School Council Minutes for April due to Associates
Projected Budget for 2010-2011
2010-2011 Calendar, on Admin Login due to Associates
Principal's Ministry Agreement, on Admin Login
Principal Performance Assessment

MAY DUE DATES:

School Council Minutes for May due to Associates
15 Technology Profile due to lottie.lopez@archsa.org
15 Wellness Policy Compliance, on Admin Login due to lottie.lopez@archsa.org

JUNE EVENTS:

7 Conference on Instructional Strategies to Support Special Needs Students

JUNE DUE DATES:

2 Registration for *Instructional Strategies to Support Special Needs Students* Conference
15 2010-11 Textbook Inventory due to lottie.lopez@archsa.org
15 Principal's Goals, on Admin Login due to Associates
15 Non-discrimination Certification, on Admin Login due to Associates

SAVE THE DATE:**August**

3 Principals' Convocation
4 Principals' Meeting
6 Teacher Orientation