

Superintendent's Report
August 18, 2005
For
Archbishop José H. Gomez, STD
And
The Catholic Schools Council of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

Sr. Carla Marie Lusch, SSND, Superintendent

New Teacher Orientation

New Teacher Orientation was conducted on Friday, August 12, 2005. There were 169 new teachers in attendance. The day included presentations on school law, curriculum, catechetical formation, the ministry of the Catholic school educator, and first days in a Catholic school.

Administrators' Convocation

Principals and their assistant administrators attended a retreat day on Monday, August 8, 2005. More than 100 administrators gathered at Oblate Renewal Center to hear Sr. Sarah Sharkey speak on Eucharist.

August Principals' Meeting

On August 9, 2005, elementary and secondary principals met for the first business meeting of the 2005-2006 academic year. Tom Tarillion reported on the work of the Catholic Schools Taskforce. Presentations were given by the staff of "Today's Catholic", Office of Youth Ministry, Mission Awareness Office, and each member of the CSO. The day ended with a celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Gomez.

Director of Teacher Recruitment

Mr. Ramon Guerra was hired in August to fill the positions of Director of Teacher Recruitment. He joined the CSO staff on August 3, 2005. His main responsibilities are teacher recruitment, federal programs, and safe environment. Mr. Guerra has training and experience as a teacher, counselor, principal and federal program director in the public school sector. He is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and St. Mary's University. He is a past president of the Archdiocesan School Council and former member of the Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Commission.

Secretary to the Director of Teacher Recruitment

Interviews are underway in order to hire a secretary who will fill the position soon to be vacated due to Marie Medina's move to Austin. This secretary works with the Director of Teacher Recruitment. The change will take place in September.

Media Library

The CSO Media Library is part of a re-alignment project to consolidate materials from agencies in the Department of Educational / Formational Services. Presently materials from CSO and ACC are being combined for more effective sharing of resources. A part-time clerk will be hired to help with the distribution of materials.

Sr. Marcelle Stos, SSND, Associate Superintendent

The Mathematics Standards Guide Committee

The Mathematics Standards Guide Committee has completed the standards for grades PreK 3 to 12. Presently the guide is in the final stages of printing. Two in-services will be held in upcoming weeks to introduce teachers to the standards that are developed on the TEKS and the National Math Standards.

Admission Directors Meeting

The Admission Directors from the Catholic Secondary schools will meet on Wednesday, September 14 from 1:00-3:00 at Antonian. This group meets twice a year to coordinate testing efforts for high school placement in the Archdiocese.

Catholic Secondary Campus Ministers

Catholic Secondary Campus Ministers will be meeting for the first time on September 21, 2005 to share and discuss on pertinent issue related to this ministry in the secondary schools. Dolores Martinez, Director of the Office of Worship, will be a presenter for this first meeting.

Stanford 10 Workshop

A Stanford 10 Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 22 for teachers and test coordinators to receive information and suggestions to use the results of their spring testing in beneficial ways. This past April, the elementary schools administered the SAT 10 for the first time.

Archdiocesan Science Fair

Archdiocesan Science Fair will be held again this year for students in grades 6th through 8th. The application is currently on the CSO website and all schools are encouraged to participate. The display and judging will be on February 23 and 24th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma coordinated by Ms Bridget Sharp, Science teacher.

Joyce Horner, Director of Development and Marketing

Grants submitted:

- Pryor Foundation: ACE House improvements
- Raskob Foundation: Development Workshop/Training

Grants awaiting reply:

- Lewis Foundation, submitted in the spring: Laptops and technology for Associates and Superintendent.
- Koch Foundation, Inc., submitted in late spring: Catholic Identity conference / workshop.

Grants denied:

- Bank of America Trusts and Foundations:
 - ◆ Sacks Foundation, Koehler Foundation and Dalkowitz
 - ◆ Charitable Trust
- Scanlan Foundation

Endowment Fund values:

Catholic Schools Endowment Fund:	\$1,122,817.39
	<u>\$ 959,449.61</u>
	\$2,082,267.00

Designated Catholic Schools Endowment Fund: **\$1,053,728.67**

Summer Advertising:

Billboards, Radio Campaign last week of July and first week of August, Today's Catholic, Back to School issues, Our Kids Education Guide

Hall of Fame and Outstanding Leaders in Catholic Education

Hall of Fame and Outstanding Leaders in Catholic Education Nomination Forms are being distributed to the principals, assistant principals, PTC presidents and School Council/Board presidents. The deadline to submit a nomination is September 30th. The event will be held on February 4, 2006 at the OMNI Hotel. The committee will start to meet in September.

Archbishop's Annual Tuition Assistance Appeal

Distributed Archbishop's Annual Tuition Assistance Appeal checks to the principals on August 9th.

Laurie Packard, Library Consultant

Librarian / Library Manager In-Service

The Annual Librarian / Library Manager In-Service was conducted on Monday, August 8th from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake University. 35 K-12 Catholic school librarians heard from speakers Robert Watkins of AMIGOS Library Services, Dr. Colby Glass of Palo Alto College, and Laura Walker from World Book Co. Attendees also participated in elementary or secondary break-out sessions to discuss relevant library issues.

Reading Incentive Program

With the '05-'06 school year, the Catholic Schools Office will begin its third year of partnership with Barnacle Bill's Seafood Restaurants to offer a reading incentive program titled *Hooked on Books* for Catholic school students in PreKinder through 5th grade. Students completing reading logs receive coupons for a free kid's meal and there is no limit on how many reading logs a student may submit each academic quarter. We are truly grateful to Mr. Paul Vance, President of Barnacle Bill's, for his continuing support of Catholic school education through this program.