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From the Superintendent...



Faculty and students at St. Rosalie enjoyed playing dress for the 100th day of school!

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Dear colleagues,

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

I have been privileged to start the week off right, with two wonderful days of celebrating our ministry to the young Church.

On Sunday, I attended the Catholic Schools Week opening Mass at Ascension of Our Lord in Laplace. It was a beautiful day! Other schools from the River Parishes joined in the celebration, and Father Walter Austin spoke to the children about the importance of being dynamic Catholics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Schools Week Mass

This year's Catholic Schools Week Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Aymond at St. Dominic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017. Every Catholic school is asked to participate by sending students with an administrator or teacher.

We will have our usual procession at the beginning of Mass, with one student from each school bringing a scroll to the altar.

Each Catholic school is asked to make a commitment to support Pope Francis in his call to be an outgoing

through prayer, knowledge, and service.

On Monday, I attended Mass at Academy of Our Lady. The Archbishop Shaw student body was also present as we honored St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian order, whose memorial we celebrate today. St. John Bosco spent his life showing love and compassion to the youth he encountered. In hearing the Archbishop's homily about St. John Bosco, I thought how appropriate it is that we celebrate this patron saint of schoolchildren during Catholic Schools Week. St. John Bosco teaches us that we are all called to be holy, and that we are called to show this holiness in how we treat our young people.

At both Masses, I felt humbled by the mission we share with so many. We are the face of Christ to the people we serve. We have the awesome responsibility to model Christ to the youth we encounter. My prayer for all of us is that we continue to realize the responsibility we have to serve others and to always remember that true leadership is through service. Happy Catholic Schools Week to our family of Catholic Schools and all of the children we serve!

God bless you and your ministry.

Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

Catholic Schools Week - **January 30th**
- **February 4th**

New Student Registration for
Elementary Parochial Schools -
February 6th - 10th

Facility Managers Meeting - **February**
8th

River Parishes Region Meeting -
February 13th

Orleans Region Meeting - **February**
14th

Northshore Region Meeting - **February**
15th

East Jefferson Region Meeting -
February 16th

Westbank Region Meeting - **February**
17th

church.

Please print out the form found [here](#) on a sheet of colored paper to be rolled up as a scroll. We would like for you to tie it with ribbons in your school's colors.

Students of the Year 2017

Congratulations to the following students who have been named 2017 Students of the Year for Non-Public Schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans area. These students were selected based on criteria that measured academic achievement, leadership skills, character, and service to their schools and communities. They will represent Non-Public Schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans area at the Regional Level of competition in Baton Rouge. Thanks to all of the schools who participated in this program.

- 5th Grade: Michael Anthony Hymel, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

- 8th Grade: Kathleen Grace Rush, Archbishop Hannan High School

- 12th Grade: Yehia Gamal Elkersh, St. Paul's School, Covington

Orleans Parish Textbooks

The deadline for ordering textbooks has been extended until February 10, 2017. This is the last extension that will be granted. Please contact Mrs. Baker if you need assistance.

Equipment

Please contact Mrs. Baker if you would like Hatch tablets. Some are available through 8(g). I-pads have also been ordered.

REMINDERS

Counselors' Meeting

The third counselors' meeting for both elementary and secondary counselors will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 9:30 until 12:00 at Resurrection of Our Lord in the pastoral center.

Please email Nicole Jefferson (njefferson@archdiocese-no.org) if you would like to make a brief presentation at the meeting on unique programs or services at your school. Counselors have

been notified through Constant Contact about the meeting. Please encourage them to register if they plan on attending.

Facility Managers' Meeting

The next training session for Facility Managers is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Office of Catholic Schools. The training will focus on building maintenance relative to paint issues. Please RSVP to khanson@arch-no.org.

Test Coordinator Meetings

For schools that participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Program and/or the Tuition Donation Rebate Program - LDOE mandates training for all school test coordinators.

The training will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Kenner), Please note this change, RSVP [here](#).

There will be a training meeting for ACT Aspire test coordinators on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at OCS. New school test coordinators are strongly encouraged to attend; it is optional for returning school test coordinators. Please RSVP [here](#).

High School College Fair

Save the date for the College Fair on March 20, 2017. Counselors see [here](#) for details on registering. Students see [here](#) for details on event.

2017 Catholic Schools and ESSA Workshop

All schools and Civil Parish LEA Coordinators are invited to attend the 2017 Catholic Schools and ESSA Workshop on Wednesday, February 22nd from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Catholic Life Center Main Auditorium, Baton Rouge. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided at a cost of \$25 per person to be invoiced to the schools. Additional information can be found on the [attached flyer](#). Please register by February 10th.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Calling All 5th Graders

Please see attachment [here](#) for the next "Calling All 5th Graders" event.

Lakeside Kids Expo

Please see attached flyer [here](#) for the Lakeside Kids Expo at Lakeside Shopping Center. The event will be held Saturday, March 11th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. To sign up click [here](#); for information on the mascot competition click [here](#).

Crimestoppers Event

Please see the Save the Date [here](#) for the next Crimestoppers event at UNO.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Conference

Melissa Cook, who is an advocate for families living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Atlanta, will be participating as a presenter at a conference for FASD being held in New Orleans, February 3rd from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The program will be a strong day of discussion regarding strategies and interventions for FASD. The information is valuable to anyone in the special education field, justice and prison ministries, respect life ministries, as well as for parents. For more information visit the website [here](#).