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Congratulations to St. Paul's High School and Mount Carmel Academy, both schools will be playing in the Louisiana State Soccer finals this weekend! Go wolves and go Cubs!

News from Jan...

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I hope you are doing well. Last week, Dr. RaeNell Houston and I met with Archbishop Aymond, Father Jose, and representatives of the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Office. We are most excited to announce a day of formation for all school faculty and staff. The title for the day is *Christian Formation of Our Students: Response to the Synod and the Signs of Our Times*.

The day of formation will be held on November 6 at the Pontchartrain Center. Archbishop Aymond will address the many in ministry who serve our young Church through our schools. To help make this important day possible, we are asking that all schools close so faculty and staff are able to attend. We greatly appreciate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Christian Formation of Our Students: Response to the Senate and the Signs of Our Times](#)

The Office of Catholic Schools will host a day of formation for all school faculty and staff. It will be held on November 6, 2017 at the Pontchartrain Center. We are asking that all schools close on November 6th so faculty and staff can attend. Please make note of this when creating calendars for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Please see Dr. Lancaster's letter for more details.

[Early Childhood Workshop](#)

OCS will host a workshop for all Pre-K teachers on Saturday, March 18th. "Observation and Assessment in the Early Childhood Classroom" will be the topic of discussion. This session will help early childhood educators know and understand the value of

your cooperation.

As always, thank you for all you do for the youth of our Church. Have a happy, safe Mardi Gras!

God bless,

Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

High School Admissions Week -
February 20th - 24th

Elementary Curriculum
Coordinators' Meeting -
February 22nd

Mardi Gras Holidays (Archdiocesan
Offices Closed) -
February 27th - 28th

Ash Wednesday -
March 1st

High School letters of Acceptance/Non-
Acceptance Mailed - **March 2nd**

High School Invitations to Apply Mailed
- **March 3rd**

Archdiocesan High School Principals
Meeting - **March 7th**

New Principals - **March 9th**

observation in the early childhood setting. The presenter, Mrs. Susan Connick, is State Pathway certified and three clock hours of professional development will be earned. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Carole Elliot at celliot@archdiocese-no.org.

Topic: Observation and Assessment in the Early Childhood Classroom

When: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Where: St. Edward the Confessor School Cafeteria

Time: 9 am to 12 pm

Facility Managers

The ANO-Building Office will be conducting the required DEQ three year annual inspection per Title 33, Part III, section 2707B. Schools please provide access to the AHERA Management binder and allow inspectors to walk the entire campus for visual re-inspection and reassessment. New required DEQ forms shall be provided during inspection for inclusion in the AHERA Management binder. A brief consultation with maintenance or building personnel responsible for the bi-annual periodic surveillance will also be held. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Contact Connie Kramer at (504) 861-6212 or visit [here](#) for additional information.

Xavier University Graduate Programs

Xavier University's Division of Education and Counseling welcomes faculty and staff of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to an informational session highlighting graduate programs. For more information, see flyer [here](#).

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Dumb Ox Ministries presents *Garden*, an original musical based on the Adam and Eve story in the Bible. The event is for Catholic high school students. The performance will be presented from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Notre Dame Seminary.

Please click [here](#) for a press release and [here](#) for a flyer. Call 504-304-1280 for more info. and ticket information. Seating is limited and is a first-call, first-reserved basis.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Missionary Childhood Association

The Missionary Childhood Association will be having its annual Lenten Mission Assemblies from March 27th - 31st in the different regional areas. The Assemblies are open to students in grades 4th - 7th and is a great way for them to remember to pray and sacrifice for our brothers and sisters in the Missions during Lent. Please see the attached [flyer](#) and [registration form](#).

Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships

Attached is the [tournament flyer](#) which includes dates and game times, along with information about the Sports Fest on Saturday, March 11th and how to pre-register online. The flyer also includes information about signing up as a ball kid for the tournament.

Sun Belt would like to drop off hard copies of the tournament flyers to distribute to students as well as free ticket vouchers for faculty and staff. Schools can email Kathy at Sun Belt directly for information. Kathy's email is keene@sunbeltsports.org.

Born to Run 5k/Fun Run

Join Women's New Life Center for Born to Run 5K/Fun Run in Audubon Park. It's a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in our mission of saving and changing lives.

Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center serving women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born To Run.

Place: Audubon Park, Shelter #10/Newman Bandstand

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Time:

7:30am - Runner sign-in, race day registration

8:30am - 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk begins

9:00am - 5K Run/Walk begins

Post-race "Birth" Day Party - Free food, live music by Neutral Snap and fun for the whole family.

Register for the event [here](#).

Camp Abbey Summer Camp

Camp Abbey is a Catholic overnight summer camp for

children who have completed 2nd through 8th grade in May. The program is a ministry of the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and includes hiking, arts & crafts, sports, boating, archery, swimming, skits, prayer opportunities and so much more. Our campers grow closer to Christ and have fun while doing it!

Boy's Camp

Week 1: June 4 - June 10, 2017

Week 2: June 11 - June 17, 2017

Week 3: June 18 - June 24, 2017

Week 4: June 25 - July 1, 2017

Girl's Camp

Week 1: July 2 - July 8, 2017

Week 2: July 9 - July 15, 2017

Week 3: July 16 - July 22, 2017

Week 4: July 23 - July 29, 2017

Paid summer camp staff positions are also available for high school students (two-week positions) as well as college students and young adults (one-month positions). Camper registration, staff applications and additional details are available at www.campabbey.org.