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Academy of Our Lady and Archbishop Shaw celebrated the Feast Day of St. Don Bosco, founder of the Salesians. This was the 43rd Bi-School celebration.

News from Jan...

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all doing well and got some much-deserved rest and relaxation over the break. Most importantly, I hope that you were able to enter into this holy season of Lent with an open heart to God's grace.

There are many resources available for you, your teachers, and students to share so that the Lenten journey can bring us all closer to Jesus. For instance, check out uscgb.org for "Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up!", which encourages us to embrace the Lenten practices of prayers, fasting, and almsgiving.

I also encourage you to view and share videos the Archdiocese is producing; various members of the clergy and laity will give reflections on the weekend and daily readings. You can find the videos [here](#).

Thank you, as always, for your ministry to the young Church - for your dedication, passion, and mostly for

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Champions of Catholic Education](#)

The application for Champions of Catholic Education application is now available for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The application is open until March 31st for students enrolled in Kindergarten - 12th grade. Every application will be given equal consideration, but this application does not guarantee an award. Families will be notified of their award status by June 30, 2017. Please click [here](#) to find more information and the links to the applications.

[Christian Formation of Our Students: Response to the Synod 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 note, while we encourage you to add an additional school day to your calendar, we are leaving

your faith, which leads others always into an encounter with God. Have a wonderful week and don't hesitate to call with any questions.

God bless!
Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

New Principals - **March 9th**

Early childhood Workshop - **March 18th**

College Fair - **March 20th**

High School Curriculum Coordinators Meeting - **March 22nd**

this up to the individual schools to make that decision.

2017 - 2018 Projected Budgets Due

This is a reminder that ES 2017 - 2018 Projected Budgets are due on March 10th. Please send them to Keith Hanson in the Office of Catholic Schools.

Chrism Mass

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside at the liturgy of the Chrism Mass. Please see the [attached letter](#) from Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hendrick about attending the mass.

Louisiana Student of the Year finalists

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to compete for top honors in the Student of the Year Program to be held in Baton Rouge on April 5, 2017. We are extremely proud of these students and commend them for their many accomplishments both at school and in the community.

- Kathleen Grace Rush - 8th Grade -Archbishop Hannan High School
- Yehia Gamal Elkersh - 12th Grade - St. Paul's School

We wish both students the best of luck in the final round of competition!

EVENTS

New Principals Meeting

The next new principals meeting will be this Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and begin the meeting at 9:30 a.m. We will provide lunch.

Our agenda will include: prayer, sharing experiences and questions, and a look ahead at upcoming events and preparing for next school year. Please RSVP to Madeline Bordelon at mbordelon@arch-no.org.

Test Coordinator Meeting for State Testing

There will be a test coordinator meeting for schools participating in the Louisiana Scholarship Program and the Tuition Donation Rebate Program(ACE/Arete) on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Administrative Building on Howard Avenue. Register [here](#).

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 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

Administrators' Conference

Please join us for the Archdiocese of New Orleans 51st Annual Administrators' Conference in Biloxi, MS on October 11 - 13, 2017. Our theme is Embracing Bold Leadership. We are pleased to have Simon T. Bailey, Marceta F. Reilly, Steve Ventura, and Cathy Lassiter as our keynote speakers. Register [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.

40-Day Lenten Reading Challenge

We wish to make you aware of a special Lenten resource available from Falcon Picture Group, called the Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible, available as a free download from www.DownloadJesus.com. The audio resource is a celebrity-voiced "radio drama" of the entire Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition New Testament. More than 80 internationally renowned actors helped bring the Scriptures to life, complete with

an original music score. Additionally, it has a foreword from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

FaithActs Summer Youth Theology Institute

Loyola University's Office of Mission and Ministry invites rising Catholic high school juniors and seniors to participate in a dynamic week-long Youth Theology Institute at Loyola University New Orleans, June 11-16. The application deadline is March 31st. Visit the Faith Act website [here](#) for more information.

St. Augustine Service Academy Forum

St. Augustine High School is sponsoring a Service Academy Forum on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is open to all Orleans Parish High School Juniors. Please see [flyer](#) for more details.

Two West Point Cadets are available to come speak about their experiences, if you are interested please contact Dan Ferrari at dferrari@bellsouth.net for more information.

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](#).

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.