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Congratulations to Archbishop Hannan 8th grader, Kate Rush, and St. Paul's 12th grader, Yehia Elkersh. Kate was named a finalist in the 8th grade category and Yehia was named the 2017 Louisiana Senior Student of the Year!

News from Jan...

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful spring weekend! As we journey through Holy Week, I encourage you to enter into the mystery of this sacred time and lead others to do so as well.

I especially urge you to encourage your faculty, staff, parents, and students to take part in parish services during the sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

These three days, Pope Francis tells us, "speak to us of mercy, because they render visible how far God's love reaches." God's love knows no bounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Save The Date: End-of-Year President/Principal Luncheon](#)

Our annual end-of-year president/principal luncheon will be held April 28th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Grill. Invitations will follow this week.

[Principal Contracts](#)

Please find the Parish Principal Contract [here](#), Parish Assistant Principal Contract [here](#). Please find the Archdiocesan Principal Contract [here](#), Archdiocesan Assistant Principal Contract [here](#).

[Schools are Firearm Free Zones](#)

- Jesus shows us this through his passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday invites us to contemplate the institution of the Eucharist. During this liturgy, we also see the beautiful washing of the feet, when Jesus gives us a model to follow - we are here to serve others.

On Good Friday, we walk with Jesus to the cross, contemplating his death for our sins. Please remember to keep this day sacred. The Church asks us to fast and abstain from meat - which surely doesn't mean taking part in party-like crawfish boils. Instead, spend some time pondering the sacrifice of the cross.

Finally, Holy Saturday is a day of quiet, when Jesus is in the tomb. At the Easter vigil, the quiet and darkness are pierced with light and songs of joy, for Christ is risen!

The Easter Triduum invites us on a pilgrimage of faith; these days tell the greatest love story you can imagine. Don't miss it!

Thank you for all that you do to serve others; you surely follow the model Jesus gives us in the washing of the feet.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

God bless!

Jan

Calendar at a Glance...

Region Meetings - **April 24th - April 26th**

Presidents/Principals End-of-Year Luncheon - **April 28th**

This is a reminder that Louisiana law provides that school properties (and within 1000 feet of the property) are firearm free zones. This law applies to both students and non-students (Law enforcement personnel are exempt from this law.) and also applies to school-sponsored events. Schools should include such notice in any school handbook, such as "This School and all school-sponsored events are firearm free zones pursuant to Louisiana law." It is also advisable to post signs at each major point of entry to the school such as "Firearm Free Zone Pursuant to Louisiana Law." If you would like to read the specific law, it is Louisiana Revised Statute 14:95.2.

Elementary Principals Region Meetings

River Parishes and West Bank (combined)

When: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Where: OCS

Orleans

When: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where: St. Pius X

East Jefferson

When: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: St. Angela Merici

North Shore

When: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Time: 9:30 am -12:00 pm

Where: Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette

Facility Managers

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering Pesticide-Applicator Training and Certification on April 19th at St. Charles Borromeo. This mandatory pesticide training and testing is free of charge. The training will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Facility Managers Meeting

Each school year the Building Office provides a two hour Asbestos-Awareness training class mandatory for all new principals and maintenance staff. These individuals are required to take the course once; a refresher course is not required. Certificates of Compliance will be issued and must be maintained.

This year's Asbestos Training is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Office of Catholic Schools.

Science Lab Safety

Parish elementary and archdiocesan high school teachers (PK4 -12) who teach one or more science classes are required to earn science laboratory safety certification through Flinn Scientific Certification. Courses can be found on the OCS website, under "Downloads" in the Administrators' Portal. A certificate of completion is to be kept on file at the school; certification is good for three years.

- Parish elementary and archdiocesan high school principals must annually submit a signed copy of the Science Laboratory Safety Policy found [here](#) to celliot@arch-no.org at OCS before the start of school.
- A Student Safety Agreement form can be found [here](#) (grades Pk-4th) and [here](#) (grades 5th-12th). This form must be sent home to parents by the Science teacher at the start of each school year. Parents are to sign and return the agreement to be kept on file at the school.
- Student Safety Guidelines can be found [here](#). Science teachers are to read these guidelines to their students at the start of each school year and send them home for parents to review.

Re-certification of the Science Safety Course

Science teachers that have been lab safety certified since 2014 will need to re-new their certification. Flinn Scientific offers teachers who have completed the Safety Course an opportunity to extend their certification for another three years by completing the free Flinn Scientific Laboratory Re-Certification Course.

This one-hour course will cover recent updates to the requirements for chemical labels and Safety Data Sheets, plus a quick overview of how to prevent common laboratory accidents that have occurred in schools. A new certificate will be generated. This must be kept on file at the school. The re-certification course will be valid for three years and can be found [here](#).

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Administrators' Retreat

The Administrators' Retreat will be held July 19th - July 20th at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi. The retreat will begin Wednesday, July 19th at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

Theme: *Encountering Jesus, Ministering with Joy*

Presenter: Dr. Tom Neal, Academic Dean at Notre Dame Seminary

Cost: \$300.00 - This includes the cost of the room for Wednesday night and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday.

To register, click [here](#).

New Principals' Workshop

The New Principals' Workshop will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Administrators beginning their first year should attend. Administrators completing their first year are encouraged to attend.

Cost: \$250.00 for the New Administrators Workshop, which includes the room on Tuesday night and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday.

To register click [here](#).

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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](#).

Technology Leadership Summit

LACUE Technology Leadership Summit will be Tuesday, June 13th - Thursday, June, 15th at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Please click here for the summit website or contact Rob Logan (rlogan@uview.academy) or Dianne LeBlanc (dleblanc@iberia.k12.la.us) for more information.

Professional Development Opportunity

Creative Mathematics presents *Math Fact Fluency, Every Teacher's Responsibility*. Kathy Collins, a Kim Sutton Associate, will discuss the long-standing need for math fact fluency and address content through a two-day seminar. The seminar will run from May 31st - June 1st at Christ The King School. Please see brochure [here](#) for more details.