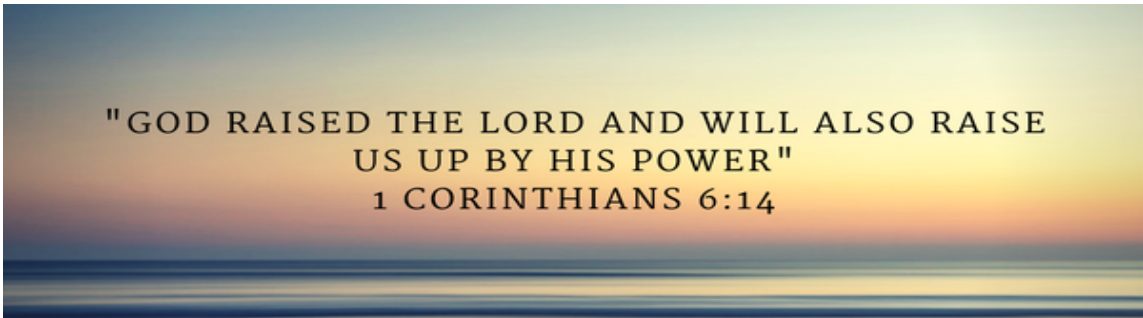




April 2017

MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



"GOD RAISED THE LORD AND WILL ALSO RAISE
US UP BY HIS POWER"
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Executive Director's Corner

Dear MANS Member Schools, Staff, Colleagues, and Friends:

MANS has been blessed over the years with tremendous leadership from its Board. True giants in faith-based education in Michigan have served as Board members since its inception 45 years ago. Visionary leadership has allowed MANS to evolve over the years to provide many services to its member schools as well as be a well-respected source of advocacy on behalf of students and parents in Michigan. Dr. Bruce Braun has been a tremendous resource for not only Lutheran schools in Michigan, but for MANS and all faith-based education. He is a true friend and will be deeply missed by all who have had the pleasure to work with him. On behalf of the MANS staff we wish Bruce and Jayne much happiness and joy as they enter into their next journey in life. Godspeed and THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



MANS Executive Director

MANS Member Spotlight

Bruce Braun - Lutheran Schools Missouri Synod

Bruce has been involved in faith-based education for forty years working as a teacher and currently serving as the Superintendent of Lutheran Schools in Michigan. Bruce serves as the MANS Board Treasurer, sits on the MANS Finance Committee and has served twice as Co-Chair for the MANS General Conference in Detroit.



In July, Bruce will be retiring as Superintendent to enjoy time with his wife, Jayne, his children and grandchildren.

MANS is grateful for Bruce's dedicated service to our member schools in shaping disciples of Christ. To read more about Bruce's extraordinary journey in faith-based education, click [here](#).

Save the Date

MANS Law Day - June 27, 2017 - Lansing, Michigan

Upcoming Events

Exploring the Eight Learning Constructs: Best Practices in Neurodevelopment

Do you have struggling learners in your classroom that you are unsure of how to serve? Begin to understand the many factors included in your students' learning and how learning can break down for struggling students. CLC Network teacher consultant and Schools Attuned certified facilitator Pam Maat will introduce you to the eight Neurodevelopment constructs.



MANS and CLC Network are offering two dates and locations for this event. For more information and to register, click the links below:

Detroit:

Sacred Heart Major Seminary
May 16, 2017
9:00am-12:15pm

Bay City:

Fabiano Brothers
May 23, 2017
9:00am-12:15pm

This event is offered exclusively for staff at MANS schools. Three State of Michigan SCECHs are available!

Space is limited. Registration is \$20, which includes morning refreshments and SCECHs.

Engaging Philanthropy: Summer Seminar - June 15-16, 2017 - Bath, Michigan



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Is your school doing everything it can to engage philanthropic donations? Could you benefit from building the fund development capacity of the staff and volunteers who lead your program? Could you use more information on campaign theory, feasibility studies, how to engage board and volunteers, and overall information on the types of fundraising models that make an impact?

Whatever your skill level, we invite you to join us at the Bengel Wildlife Center in Bath township for two-days of learning designed to improve your vision for donor engagement.

MANS is pleased to partner with DeBrincat Consulting Group, LLC, and to draw on their 120+ years of advancement experience, to provide our member schools with the opportunity to make fundraising visions a reality.

Registration is \$300 and includes lunch and nine State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs). This event is approved for 100% Title IIA funding. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Administrators' Conference - October 11-13, 2017 - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Registration is now open for the Administrators' Conference at Mission Point Resort on October 11-13, 2017.

Gather with more than 200 education leaders to learn about issues facing faith-based schools while hearing methods that will inform your school improvement efforts. The conference provides a demanding schedule of professional learning coupled with time for reflection, connections, and fellowship. Conference programming is tailored to the unique needs of leaders serving in faith-based school communities.



Click [here](#) for registration and event information.

MNSAA



Michigan Non-public School Accrediting Association is in need of peer reviewers for the 2016-17 MNSAA Annual Reports. Join us in Lansing on July 10-11, 2017 to read and discuss schools from across the state. Here is what past peer reviewers have said about their experience:

"I have gained new knowledge on how to address the new standards for accreditation. Reading other schools reports provides ideas for my school's advancements".

"Excellent opportunity to hone skills, dialogue with peers and gain a better understanding of what is happening in, and with, other non-public schools".

Meals, SCECHs, any necessary lodging, and a stipend will be provided for participants. Please complete this [brief survey](#) to indicate your interest. For more information, please contact [Angelia Salas](#).

State and Federal News

State News

Statewide School Drinking Water Quality Program

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) are providing reimbursement to schools who worked to improve the quality of their drinking water through, drinking water testing, fixture replacements, plumbing assessments, or filter purchases during July 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. For more information, click [here](#).

External Organization Profile Release

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has opened up the opportunity for nonprofit organization to submit an external organization profile. MDE is required under ESSA to provide a list of nonprofit organizations with a record of success in after school programs or a nonprofit that partners with another organization. MDE is asking for submissions by April 27, 2017. For more information and to submit a profile, click [here](#).

"Do the Write Thing" Writing Competition

The "Do The Write Thing" Challenge is a writing competition taking place though out America for students in grades 6th - 8th who want to end youth violence. Students who participate in the challenge are asked to use any form of written expression in a positive way. For more information, click [here](#).

Library Resources

Help a struggling child become an accomplished reader! MeL databases provide you with the tools to advance literacy, foster lifelong reading, and help a child with

educational success. Click [here](#) to view the 30-minute webinar that is focused on MeL early reader resources.

CHRISS Training Reminder

The Michigan State Police (MSP) will be implementing the new Criminal History Internet Subscription Service (CHRISS). Reminder that at least one person who is a part of the hiring process needs to go through the CHRISS training. For more information and for training dates click [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

MACUL Upper Peninsula Conference - May 5, 2017- Kingsford, Michigan

Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning will be hosting their UP MACUL Conference in Kingsford, MI. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

REMC P.L.A.Y.D.A.T.E - May 5, 2017 - Kalamazoo, Michigan

REMC Association of Michigan will be hosting a professional development event called People Learning & Asking "Y" with Digital Age Technology Exploration (P.L.A.Y.D.A.T.E). This is a free event and SCECHs will be available. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Midwest Conference of Catholic Liberal Arts Education - June 12-13, 2017 - Escanaba, Michigan

The Diocese of Marquette Catholic Schools presents the Third Annual Midwest Conference on Catholic Liberal Arts Education. The conference will take place on June 12-13, 2017 at Holy Name Catholic School in Escanaba, Michigan. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Michigan Reading Association Summer Literature Conference - July 12-13, 2017 - Bellaire, Michigan

The Michigan Reading Association will be hosting their Summer Literature conference at Shanty Creek Resort. Sessions will be presented for all grade levels from Early Elementary through High School and SCECHs will be available. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Fund Development Opportunities

The Meemic Foundation Back-to-School Grant

The Meemic Foundation is celebrating their 25th Anniversary by giving \$200,000 to

fund back-to-school needs for more than 1,000 classrooms and schools! Click [here](#) to learn more and to apply.

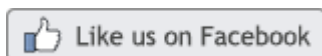


The Meemic Foundation

MACUL Grant Program

Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) is offering a grant to purchase computer equipment for the classroom. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2017. For more information and to apply for the grant click [here](#).

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