



MANS

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MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



Executive Director's Corner

Start of a New School Year

*"Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius and power and magic in it."
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

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

We are in an especially important time for leadership, vision and smart thinking. Changes in the world we live in are rapid and far-reaching. Our charge to educate children in Christ-centered schools is undeniably vital and one that requires a boldness in action; courage in our convictions; and strength to battle those who dismiss the value of faith in society.

There is still time join us at **GO BOLDLY**, the 2017 MANS Administrators' Conference to be held on October 11-13, 2017 at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. We are pleased to be returning to this beautiful location. This promises to be an outstanding few days of learning as well as a way to re-charge yourself after a busy opening to the school year. Please consider joining us on Mackinac Island.

MANS has an exciting year of professional opportunities ahead. We are finalizing the 2017-18 calendar of events. Most of the dates are outlined in MANS Notes. Some key dates to mark down are our Public Policy Day - March 8, 2018 and Law Day - June 26, 2018.

After a successful two-day report reading period, MANS' accrediting body, MNSAA, has begun to issue certificates of accreditation to qualified faith-based member schools. Thank you to all those who took time from their busy schedules to assist in the readings, and our congratulations to the schools receiving their accreditation.

Legislative and policy issues impacting faith-based schools are front and center in Lansing and nationally. MANS staff has shared much of what is going on at the annual members' back to school principal meetings. Please watch for the Legislative E-News updates to stay current on all of these important issues.

Thank you for all that you do for children and families in Michigan. We are truly blessed to have such an outstanding collection of faith-based schools and faith-driven leaders who are making a difference in countless lives.

Please feel free to contact us to offer your suggestions and help us to allow you to make the most of your MANS membership.

Sincerely,



MANS Executive Director

Save-the-Dates

Public Policy Day 2018

Public Policy Day is scheduled for March 8, 2018 at the Radisson in downtown Lansing. Look for registration information to come out late fall, 2017.

Additional Upcoming Dates to Save:

- **December 1, 2017:** Technology Gathering
- **December 8, 2017:** Advancement Deep Dive
- **January 17, 2018:** ESSA Title IIA Webinar
- **February 9, 2018:** Advancement Deep Dive
- **April 2018:** CLC Network full day trainings
- **June 2018:** School Improvement Event
- **June 26, 2018:** School Law Seminar, Lansing
- **August 2, 2018:** Office Staff Training, Lansing
- **October 18 & 19, 2018:** Education Conference & Expo, Grand Rapids

Upcoming Event



It's down to the last days to register for the 2017 MANS Administrators' Conference: GO BOLDLY! Space is limited and registration ends September 15, 2017. [Click here to register.](#)

Additionally, rooms are disappearing quickly at Mission Point Resort - so make your overnight reservations today by calling 800-833-7711 and telling them you are with the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools.

We hope you are able to join us!

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MNSAA



WEBINAR SERIES

MNSAA is hosting a webinar series on the accreditation process. Join us Thursdays in the month of September for the following webinars:

- **Sept. 7 - 10:00 am:** Preparing for a MNSAA Self-Study
- **Sept. 14 - 10:00 am:** Welcome to Accreditrac
- **Sept. 21 - 3:30 pm:** Serving on a MNSAA Accreditation Visit Team
- **Sept. 28 - 10:00 am:** Preparing your MNSAA Annual Report

[Click here](#) to register for any of the above webinars.

MANs Member Benefits

State Continuing Education Clock Hours

Did you know that in addition to in-services, educators can earn SCECHs for participating on school committees, mentoring and for accreditation site visits? Below are the materials you will need:

- [SCECH Info Sheet](#)
- [SCECH Program Application](#)
- [2017-2018 SCECH School Committee Description](#)
- [2017-2018 School Committee Verification Form](#)
- [Mentoring](#)
- [Accreditation Visit](#)
- [Locating your PIC](#)

Questions? Contact Shelley Long, Administrative Assistant at slong@m-a-n-s.org

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Fund Development Opportunities



“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

ACTS 20:35



MANS SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT

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Teachers in MANS member schools are encouraged to apply for a 2017-2018 MANS Social Justice Grant. Created as a way to honor former board member Helen Casey, the grants support classroom projects that connect service to academic and religious instruction. Service should engage students around genuine community needs while making classroom content relevant.

Join us for a one-hour webinar on **September 7, 2017 at 3:30 pm**. Please click [here](#) to learn more and register for the webinar.

[Applications will be accepted online here.](#)

Application deadline: October 20, 2017.

Projects will be reviewed in November and funding will be disbursed in December. **Don't miss this opportunity to bring additional resources to your classrooms!!**

2017-2018 Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness Program

This program is flexible to meet the diverse needs of school buildings across the state and provides students, teachers and administrators with the training, curriculum, equipment, funds, communication tools and external coaches needed to create a healthy school environment that supports a culture of wellness. During the application process, each interested school can customize the program by selecting the resources that are a good fit for their individual building. Applications are being accepted until September 30, 2017, [at the program website.](#)

Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Fitness Foundation, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Team Nutrition, United Dairy Industry of Michigan and Action for Healthy Kids are working together to improve student health and transform school

environments through Building Healthy Communities: Step Up for School Wellness.

Professional Development Opportunities

MANS Advocacy Webinar

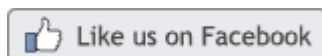
Legislative advocacy is a critical component to fulfilling the mission and goals of faith-based education. Your voice has tremendous impact in Lansing as well as in your local community.

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on September 20, 2017 for the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools (MANS) Advocacy Webinar. We will provide you a preview of the legislative calendar, information on the issues that may impact non-public schools and the simple strategies you can take now to partner with MANS and Michigan Catholic Conference in their advocacy efforts.

This webinar is ideal for school administrators, board members and parent advocate, so please encourage them to register as well.

[Click here to register for the Advocacy webinar.](#)

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