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NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Executive Director's Corner

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

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. -Saint Teresa of Calcutta

MANS Public Policy Day is March 9, 2017. It is a great opportunity to join with your colleagues from across the state in Lansing and impact education policy on behalf of your school and the children that you educate. We will be making legislative visits again this year. It is your chance to let your voice be heard.

Registration is now open, so please register right away.

There appears to be a change in the air - particularly in Washington D.C. - but also in Lansing where we welcome 43 new faces into the House of Representatives. There is great opportunity to share the value of faith-based education with a new set of policymakers as well as reminding the "old-timers" of the critical role that non-public schools play in Michigan's education landscape.

MANS was founded forty plus years ago to work on education policy issues and to make a real impact on the lives of students and families in Michigan. Its power resides in the collective work of the constituencies that comprise MANS namely Catholic Schools, Christian Schools International and the Schools of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Working together, casting stones across the waters, we can begin to make changes on how parents and families are respected and supported, how state policy can be enacted for all children no matter where they attend school and creating opportunities for all students to achieve at the highest level, reaching their full potential.

Sincerely,

MANS Executive Director

Save the Date

Look for details and registration information for the following events soon.

Engaging Philanthropy ~ The Introductory Webinar -- March 14, 2017

Engaging Philanthropy ~ The Summer Institute -- June 15-16, 2017
Lansing, Michigan

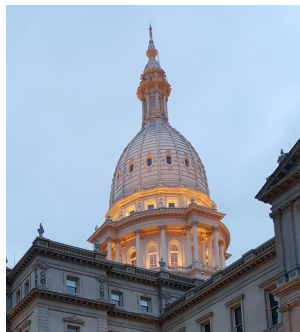
Engaging Philanthropy ~ Pre-conference Event -- October 11, 2017
Mission Point Resort - Mackinac Island, Michigan

2017-2018 MANS New Principal Cohort -- October 2017
Mission Point Resort - Mackinac Island, Michigan

2017 MANS Administrators' Conference -- October 11-13, 2017
Mission Point Resort - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Register Now!

MANS Public Policy Day
March 9, 2017 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



Registration for the 2017 MANS Public Policy Day is now [OPEN](#). Join your colleagues from across the state interacting with policy makers in Lansing and getting the latest information on educational policy issues impacting faith-based schools.

Legislative Visits

We will begin the day with legislative visits. Building on last year's highly successful trip to the Capitol, participants will go in groups to visit key legislators and their staffs advocating for policies favorable to non-public schools and sharing the value of a faith-based education. You will return to the Radisson for a "debriefing" session and a delicious lunch.

You will not want to miss this unique and powerful way to connect with policymakers in Lansing. REGISTER EARLY (by February 10) so that legislative visits may be coordinated for attendees.

Tentative Agenda

- 9:00 a.m Welcome
- 9:30 -11:15 a.m. Legislative Visits
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch with Special Guest
- 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Mandate Reimbursement
- 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. Teacher Certification
- 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. Shared Time
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. ESSA Ombudsman
- 3 SCECH credits will be available

March 9, 2017 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

\$70 Registration fee payable by check or credit card

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 10, 2017

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

[Radisson Lansing Hotel](#), 111 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Space is limited - [register early!](#)

Questions? Call 1-800-394-5949 or contact slong@m-a-n-s.org

MNSAA

2016-2017 MNSAA Reporting

MNSAA accredited schools will receive an email outlining reporting requirements next week. To maintain your accreditation status, each school is required to submit either an annual report or self-study. Please contact your superintendent for local submission deadlines. Annual reports, self-study reports and payment are due to MNSAA no later than June 30, 2017. Payments can be made online using a credit card or you may download.

For more information, please contact Angelia Salas at asalas@m-a-n-s.org or at 517.372.9315.

State and Federal News

Michigan News

MDE Released Second Round of Survey to Gather ESSA Feedback

A set of Michigan's draft ESSA recommendations are now out for stakeholder comments via several survey options, found on the [ESSA Get Involved](#) page. The MDE will accept feedback for this round through Monday, January 16, 2017.

National News



National School Choice Week - January 22-28, 2017

Join the national efforts to support school choice! National School Choice Week is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical public awareness effort designed to shine a positive spotlight on great schools like yours. The goal of National School Choice Week (NSCW) is to raise public awareness of all types of education options for children. These options include traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and homeschooling. To meet this goal, NSCW encourages schools, organizations, and individuals to hold positive events that celebrate school choice options, while drawing attention to the need for even greater opportunities for children.

MANS, the Michigan Catholic Conference, and other groups are co-hosting a [National School Choice Week event](#) on January 27, 2017 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History in Detroit. Celebrate school choice with special guest speaker Dr. Steve Perry, founder and principal of Capital Preparatory Magnet School, Best-Selling Author, Education Contributor for CNN and MSNBC. The event also features student testimonials and musical acts.

[Registration link](#) for school leaders, teachers and other school staff.

[Registration link](#) for parents, alumni and others.

Learn more and join the Tweet Up at <http://schoolchoiceweek.com/>

Fund Development Opportunities

Meemic Foundation

Be a champion for your schools! Whether it's your child's school, a former school you attended or a local school in need, you have an opportunity to show your support by nominating a school for a \$500 grant they can use exclusively at Office Depot, Inc.

The nomination process is easy. Simply identify the school and tell us why this school is being nominated. That's it! Applications are due by March 31, 2017.



[Click here](#) for more information and to submit an application.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program opportunity. The

purpose is to create community learning centers for those times when school is not in session.

Additional information can be found on the [MDE website](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Archdiocese of Detroit Annual Teacher and Administrator Conference

The 4th annual conference, being held at University of Detroit Mercy on August 8, 2017, is now seeking presenters to conduct breakout sessions for elementary and high school educators. This year they hope to expand the sessions to include topics specifically for Administrators as well as teachers at all grade levels and content areas.

[Submit this form](#) via email by February 6, 2017 to [Linda Tugwell](#).

MISTEMTalk17

3-Dimensional Science Learning and new Michigan Science Standards challenge us all! Join Michigan Mathematics and Science Centers Network to hear about challenges and solutions. Get ideas from short, engaging presentations (TED-style) from Michigan and national science teachers, K-12 through higher education.

This event is at Wayne RESA on January 19, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for session one (\$85) and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for session two (\$85 - or \$150 for both). 3 SCECHs available at each session. [Click here to register](#).

Code.org's Professional Learning Program

The Michigan Mathematics and Science Centers Network is excited to announce that applications for Code.org's Professional Learning Program for CS Principles is now open.

If your school plans to offer AP CSP in 2017-18, please fill out the [application here](#).

LCMS Theological Conference - Let's Talk Male and Female

We are inundated with messages of sexual freedom, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender dysphoria. This year's theological conference for laity and church workers will teach us what God says in His liberating life-giving Word and how to lovingly communicate the blessing of that truth.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register (\$20/general admission and \$15/student - includes conference materials and lunch).

Higher Education Degree Grants

The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes contributions of exemplary educators and offers opportunities to further their professional

growth and development. Higher Education Degree Grants are presented to recognize Claes Nobel Educators of Distinction and support professional development goals. Grant funds may be used toward tuition and course-related expenses.

[View full grant description here.](#)

Michigan Science Teachers 64th Annual Conference

Now accepting applications from teachers and pre-service teachers for assistance in attending the 64th annual conference on March 24-25, 2017 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan.

Deadline to apply is February 1, 2017. [Click here](#) for details and application.

National Youth Science Camp

NYSC is an honors program for two high-achieving high school students from each state in the United States and others from around the world. Two high school seniors from Michigan will be selected for this all-expenses-paid program. This summer residential program runs from June 14 - July 8, 2017 in West Virginia.

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2017. Please refer applicants to [this website](#).

Resources and Opportunities

Applications Now Open for School Ambassador Fellowships

The U.S. Department of Education is pleased to announce that they are now accepting [applications](#) for the [2017-18 School Ambassador Fellowship Program](#). Private school educators are eligible to apply.

Internships at ED - Calling Future Leaders!

Do you want to intern at the U.S. Department of Education (ED)? Are you an ambitious, energetic student who wants to learn about education policy? If so, ONPE encourages you to apply to be an ED intern this summer!

Deadline to apply is March 15, 2017. [Access applications for summer internships here.](#)

Professional Learning Community

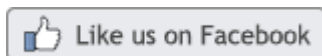
The GetEdFunding professional learning community (PLC) on [edWeb.net](#) connects you with other educators around the country. Not only can you engage with peers on successes, challenges, and best practices associated with educational funding, but you can also participate in free, highly engaging, interactive webinars.



*Dear Master for this coming year
 Just one request I bring:
 I do not pray for happiness,
 Or any earthly thing-
 I do not ask to understand
 The way Thou ledest me,
 But this I ask: Teach me to do
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

*I want to know Thy guiding voice,
 To walk with Thee each day.
 Dear Master make me swift to hear
 And ready to obey.
 And thus the year I now begin
 A happy year will be-
 If I am seeking just to do
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

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