



MANS

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MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



Executive Director's Corner

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

MANS recently signed on to a national coalition advocating for a national tax credit to expand education scholarships for low and middle income families. My Kid's Future is a national, non-partisan grassroots group of parents and advocates for children working together to encourage Congress and the President to pass a tax credit for Americans contributing to scholarship granting organizations.

Michigan families in particular should find this an enticing prospect as currently our state constitution bans any direct or indirect aid to nonpublic schools. Please review the information below, share it with your school community and TAKE ACTION NOW!

Sincerely,

MANS Executive Director

State and Federal News

Federal News

EdTaxCredit50 - My Kid's Future



The [My Kid's Future](#) project is an effort to enact a national education scholarship tax credit. This project is critical to demonstrating to the President and Congress that the tax credit has broad-based support. Each of your schools can play an important role in helping to build this grassroots movement. Below are a few ways your school community can become involved in this movement:

1. Tell your parents and teachers about My Kid's Future.
2. Share your content with My Kid's Future for posting on their website or Facebook.
3. Identify parents and other supporters in your area that My Kid's Future can train to serve as contacts for the press in their area. My Kid's Future will provide all resources to train and book these parents on local radio and television to discuss the tax credit. My Kid's Future is aiming to have regional training sessions with potential supporters beginning as soon as possible.
4. Provide My Kid's Future with cell phone video or written testimonials.

All videos, articles, testimonials and contact information can be sent to Content@mykidsfuture.org. As indicated, My Kid's Future welcomes submission of existing content you feel will demonstrate the need, impact and potential of the tax credit.

Please direct questions to Tom@MyKidsFuture.org or call 917-579-2216.

State News

P.A.C.E. Advocacy Day

The Parent Advocates for Choice in Education (P.A.C.E) Foundation is hosting an Advocacy Day at the Capitol. Join other school administrators, parents, and advocates of school choice to talk with legislators, hear from a national speaker and see the workings of state government.

For more information, email Gary.



EngineerGirl Writing Contest on Engineering for Your Community

The National Academy of Engineering is holding a writing contest for students in grades 3-12 with a cash prize of up to \$500. Students are to write about an infrastructure problem in their community and ask for change to occur, while making an engineering suggestion on how to

remedy the issue.

For more information on the contest, click [here](#). **Entries must be submitted by February 1, 2018.**

Upcoming Events



Save the date for the 2017 MANS Technology Gathering!

Join MANS and your colleagues on December 1, 2017 for a professional learning and networking session designed specifically for educators aligning technology with teaching and learning. From keynote to networking sessions this gathering will address topics critical to those responsible for selecting, implementing and evaluating the use of technology in non-public schools.

Registration information coming soon!



Thank You Sponsors!

We are extremely grateful to the many businesses that supported the MANS 2017 Administrators' Conference. Each sponsor has products and services that benefit many of our member schools. We hope you took some time to talk with each of them and were able to hear how they could impact your school. Below are links to each company's website for more information.

- [The Meemic Foundation](#)
- [Michigan Virtual](#)
- [Catapult Learning](#)
- [Delta Education](#)

- [All Covered](#)
- [FACTS Management / RenWeb](#)
- [GradeLink](#)
- [Blackbaud](#)
- [McGraw Hill](#)
- [Sadlier](#)
- [Berkley School District](#)
- [Oxford Virtual School](#)
- [School Financial Solutions, LLC](#)

MNSAA

Were you unable to participate in the Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) webinars last month? Below are links to the recorded webinars.

[Welcome to Accreditrac](#)

[Preparing for an MNSAA Self Study](#)

[Preparing your MNSAA Annual Report](#)

[Serving on an MNSAA Accreditation Team](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Virtue in Media: Families Honoring God with Technology



VIRTUE
IN MEDIA
Families Honoring God With Technology

Are you hungry for a faith-based, digital citizenship curriculum?

Protect Young Eyes is on the verge of launching a first-of-its-kind streaming curriculum for faith-based organizations called Virtue in Media.

Imagine Snapchat taught through the lens of Galatians. The book of James telling us why our comments and emoji's matter. Safer digital environments. All of the latest digital trends grounded in Holy Scripture. Plug-and-play, streaming content in bite-sized videos. These are written by a former youth pastor and edited by a Canon Lawyer.

Virtue in Media includes teacher professional development, in-class activities that adhere to teaching standards, and at-home discussion content for parents in both English and Spanish. Interested in learning more? Leave your name and email here: www.virtueinmedia.com

The REMC Association of Michigan Day of Discovery

The REMC Association of Michigan and Discovery Education are partnering to bring Michigan teachers engaging professional development. In this full day workshop, you dig into Discovery's Spotlight on Strategies (SOS) series. You learn how to incorporate digital media in meaningful, effective, and practical ways and get hands-on work time to plan and share implementation ideas.

These free Days of Discovery, hosted by local REMCs, are open to teachers across the state. The dates, locations and contacts for this year's events are:

- November 2, Muskegon ISD/REMC 4, Andy Mann, amann@muskegonisd.org
- November 27, Macomb ISD/REMC 18S, Kristi Martin, kmartin@misd.net
- December 1, Ingham ISD/REMC 13, Daryl Tilley, dtilley@inghamisd.org

Michigan After-School Collaborative (MAC) 2017 Conference - November 8-9, 2017 - Battle Creek, Michigan

The Michigan After-school Collaborative (MAC) is hosting a professional development opportunity for teachers, on-site staff, administrators and child care providers focused on after-school care. Join MAC on November 8th for a half day institute or November 9th for a full-day conference. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) are available.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) 2018 Visions for Excellence Soul of Youth Sports Conference - February 21 - 23, 2018 Kansas City, Kansas

Join athletic directors, coaches, and administrators for a conference centered on rooting athletic programs in the Gospel. Learn how a strong sports program can build enrollment, support mission, and engage the community for the success of student athletes and the school.

Keynote speaker Jim Harbaugh, head football coach at the University of Michigan, will speak about mission-driven athletics.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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

Social Justice Grant

The deadline for the MANS Social Justice grant has been extended! You now have until **October 30, 2017** to submit your proposal for a school or classroom project that promotes the understanding of social justice issues.

For directions on the application process and to submit your application, click [here](#).

Meemic Foundation Traditional Grant

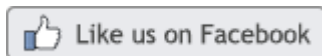
The Meemic Foundation is accepting applications for the fourth quarter Meemic Foundation Traditional Grant. Foundation members are invited to apply for funding up to \$500 to support classroom, department or school needs. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. **Applications are due December 31, 2017.**



The Meemic Foundation

Not a Foundation Club Member yet? Click [here](#) to become a member!

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