

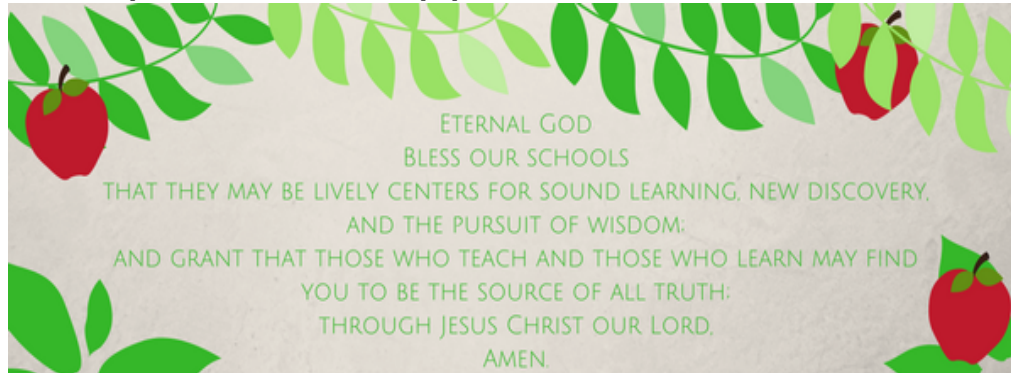


MANS

September 2017

MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



Executive Director's Corner

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

What a great time of the year. School is well underway. The halls of our schools are filled with young voices, laughter, learning and opportunities for all to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ - the reason for our faith-based schools. It is a busy time of year as well. Hopefully you will be able to take a moment and reflect on the important work you are doing in your schools, for your students and families. Soak it in even if just for a few minutes at a football game, soccer match or cross country meet. We are blessed to be where we are at this moment.

The MANS staff hopes to see you October 11-13 at **Go Boldly** at Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island. It will be a wonderful opportunity to recharge and take on your work with even more fervor and enthusiasm than when you began the school year.

Sincerely,

MANS Executive Director

Upcoming Events



Administrators' Conference Optional Events

Engaging Philanthropy: Becoming a High Net Worth Donor Fundraising Program. Join MANS and DeBrincat Consulting Group for a pre-conference session on Wednesday, October 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. [Email Shelley](#) if you would like to add this to your registration.

New Principal Cohort - are you brand new to the position of Principal? [Contact Angelia](#) if you are interested in joining the cohort. The first meeting will be prior to the Administrators' Conference at Mission Point resort from noon to 4:00 p.m. (lunch included).

Golf anyone? For a mere \$40 you can golf The Jewel Golf Course on Thursday, October 12. [Email Brian](#) know if you'd like to join the Golf Scramble.

Dinner Plans? For an additional \$45 you can join your colleagues for a Brewhouse Buffet at Mission Point on Thursday, October 12. This dinner will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and includes cocktails compliments of Catapult! [Email Shelley](#) if you'd like to participate.

Thank you to our Straits and Shared Time Sponsors!

Thank you Christian Schools International (CSI) for being the 2017 Straits Sponsor! CSI provides a number of services to their member schools and is a wonderful partner to MANS. To learn more about CSI, click [here](#).



Thank you Berkley Schools for being a Shared Time Sponsor! Berkley Schools provides opportunities for your schools to partner for shared time services. For more information about Berkley Schools and their shared time program, click [here](#).

Thank you Oxford Virtual Academy for being a Shared Time Sponsor! Oxford offers shared time services to non-public schools in the state of Michigan. To learn more about their shared time program, click [here](#).



Thank you School Financial Solutions (SFS) for being a Shared Time Sponsor! SFS partners with



Brighton and South Redford School Districts to allow them to offer several outstanding benefits in a shared-time program. For more information, click [here](#).

2017-2018 Events

- December 1, 2017 - Technology Gathering
- December 8, 2017 - Advancement Deep Dive
- January 17, 2018 - Title IIA Webinar
- February 9, 2018 - Advancement Deep Dive
- March 8, 2018 - Public Policy Day
- April 2018 - CLC Network Trainings
- June 2018 - School Improvement Event
- June 26, 2018 - School Law Seminar
- August 2, 2017 - Office Staff Event
- October 18 & 19, 2018 - Education Conference & Expo

MNSAA

Webinar - Preparing Your MNSAA Annual Report

MNSAA schools are encouraged to participate in the last two MNSAA webinars in our September accreditation series. Each one-hour session is designed to assist you with your accreditation responsibilities this year. The final sessions are:

- Serving on an MNSAA Accreditation Visit Team (9/21 @ 3:30 p.m.)
- Preparing Your MNSAA Annual Report (9/28 at 10:00 a.m.)

Please [email Shelley Long](#) or call her at 517.372.9315 for the webinar link. Did you miss the first two sessions? You can access the recordings by clicking below:

- [Preparing for an MNSAA Self-Study](#)
- [Welcome to Accreditrac](#)

State and Federal News

State News

The 2018-2019 Michigan Teacher of the Year

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is asking educators, administrators, students, and parents to help it find the next [Michigan Teacher of the Year](#) (MTOY). The Michigan Teacher of the Year program, sponsored by the Meemic Foundation, recognizes outstanding educational leaders across Michigan for their work to elevate the teaching profession.

MDE's [online nomination form](#) is open until Friday, October 20 at 11:59 p.m., for people to nominate a teacher or teachers whom they feel are exceptional educators and have made substantial contributions to their profession.

FIRST Robotics Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces the 2017-2018 FIRST Robotics Grant to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills. This year's grant has been expanded to include an additional **\$300,000 for FIRST Robotics or Science Olympiad programming for nonpublic schools**. Nonpublic schools must be registered with MDE in order to be eligible to apply.

The grant application will be available through the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) on September 26, 2017.

A technical assistance webinar is scheduled for September 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The webinar URL is: <http://remc.adobeconnect.com/first-ta/>

The audio dial-in phone number is: 888-808-6929, access code 8105360.

[Click here to read the full MDE memo.](#)

Asthma in Schools

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) - Coordinated School Health and Safety Unit, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) - School Asthma Action Group, has developed a new infographic titled **"Is Your School Asthma Friendly?"** to create awareness around the severity and prevalence of asthma in schools. The infographic gives the facts that help school administrators and staff understand how to make their school asthma friendly.

[Click here for the infographic.](#)

[Click here for the Asthma in Schools page.](#)

Federal News

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for the top youth volunteers of the year in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia. Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months.

The application is available now through **November 7, 2017**, by [clicking 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

Now is the time to submit an application for the MANS Social Justice Grant. The deadline for grant applications is **October 20, 2017**. The grant is awarded to projects that encourage a greater understanding of social justice issues in our faith-based schools.

If you were unable to participate in our quick informational webinar, you may click **here** to view a recording.

To complete an application for the MANS Social Justice Grant, click [here](#).

Apply for a Meemic Foundation Traditional Grant Today!

Need funding for a classroom field trip? Looking for flexible chairs or support for your STEM initiatives? Whatever the need, The Meemic Foundation is ready to help you your special projects!

Beginning July 5, 2017, Foundation Club Members may apply for funding up to \$500 to support classroom, department, campus or district needs.

Make note of these important dates:

- **Applications Due - by September 30, 2017**
- **Applicants Notified of Grant Status - by December 4, 2017**
- **Funding Available - Beginning January 8, 2018**

- **Funding Must Be Used - by June 30, 2018**
- **Final Report Due - by August 1, 2018**

Don't delay! [Click here for more details and to see a sample application.](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers - October 31 - November 1, 2017 - Scottville, Michigan

Join Mason County Emergency Management for a two-day hands on training regarding school-based incidents. This training will cover topics such as:

- All-Hazards Planning and Preparedness
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Threat Assessment Management
- All-Hazards Response
- All-Hazards Recovery
- Scenario-Based Activities

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

#GoOpen Michigan Summit - December 5, 2017

In February of 2016, Michigan made a commitment to the United States Department of Education's #GoOpen Campaign. From that, the #GoOpen Michigan initiative began which supports schools and educators in the transition to use high-quality digital, openly-licensed educational resources. This initiative aligns to all four focus areas of Michigan's Top 10 in 10 strategic plan.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is working collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a #GoOpen Michigan Strategy. The #GoOpen Michigan Strategy Team includes educational organizations, community colleges and higher education, and Michigan's #GoOpen districts.

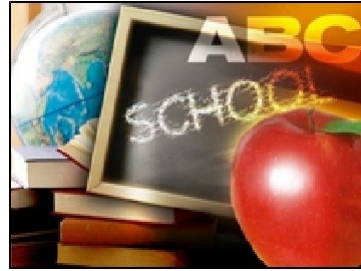
To officially kick off #GoOpen Michigan, the #GoOpen Michigan Strategy Team invites district and building leaders to the #GoOpen Michigan Summit on Tuesday, December 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

Cost for the event is \$30. [Click here to register.](#)

[Click here to learn more about #GoOpen Michigan.](#)

Human Trafficking in American Schools

Human Trafficking involves exploiting an individual through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of forced labor, commercial sex or both. Victims of human trafficking in 2017 include students in American schools.



This presentation delivered by agents of the FBI will help school administrators and staff to be more aware of this ever increasing problem.

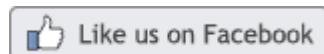
This presentation will be on Friday, October 13 from 9:15 to noon at the Bingham Conference Center, 30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 151, Bingham Farms, MI. Registration is \$25 and is open until October 11. [Email Tina to register.](#)

Word Revelation Level One Training

Join Dr. Caitlin Dillon on Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a free literacy training designed to assist educators as they work to improve students' reading, spelling confidence and joy. The *Word Revelation* activities help students become accurate and automatic readers, learning to monitor their own comprehension as they go. The activities cover eight main concepts about the patterns of written English. Workshop participants will do activities that allow the students to become accurate and then automatic in applying the concepts.

To register, contact caitlin@marktrinity.com or 517-862-7090.

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