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MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



Executive Director's Corner

Dear MANS Administrator,

We are excited to launch our new Business Partnership Program. The Business Partnership Program is a new innovative way we have been working on to better serve our members. Through partnerships with education based companies, MANS is seeking ways to connect members to businesses that provide services to students, teachers and administrators.

We welcome Michigan Virtual and Catapult Learning as Premier Partners and Schoolbelles as a Discount Partner. Check the Business Partner Corner section of MANS Notes each month for details about their business and some exclusive offers for members.

Sincerely,

MANS Executive Director

Business Partner Corner

Michigan Virtual

Michigan Virtual + EdReady offers the nationally-recognized EdReady program to help 4th- through 12th-grade students master a range of math concepts. EdReady can be used by individual students (ala carte purchase) or as part of a schoolwide program (site license) to assess math skills, map strengths and weaknesses, provide personalized instruction that targets knowledge gaps, and prepare students to achieve their college and career aspirations.



Learn more at michiganvirtual.org/edready.

 <h3>Catapult Learning</h3> <p>Catapult Learning is proud to offer Non-Public Schools in Michigan instructional intervention services, assessment, professional development, turnkey STEM solutions, and more. For more information on how a partnership with Catapult Learning can develop more successful students and teachers, contact me today!</p>	<p>Ellen McGahey, M.Ed., Regional Director 313.598.4984 ellen.Mcgahey@catapultlearning.com www.catapultlearning.com</p> <p><i>A Proud Partner of the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and your ESSA partner!</i></p>
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BEST GEAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Happy New Year from Schoolbelles!

M.A.N.S. products are now available for purchase using code S8207 on www.schoolbelles.com

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MANS News & Updates

New MANS Website



MANS is excited to announce our new website! You will find the following:

- Our core services with convenient links
- An enhanced member portal
- Upcoming events and easy registration links right on the home page
- Recent news and alerts updated in real time
- And try it on your mobile devices - the new site is mobile friendly!

Visit m-a-n-s.org to see the updates.

State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs)

SCECHs are State Continuing Education Clock hours which are State Board approved in-service, workshop, training, or conference credits that are used for the renewal of selected certificates issued by the Michigan Department of Education. Certificates are renewed every five years in June. Check your MOECS account frequently to ensure you have enough hours to renew!

Are you offering a training, conference or workshop and would like your participants to receive SCECHs? Please fill out the [application](#) and submit to MANS no less than 45 calendar days prior to the start date of the training. A final agenda must be submitted along with the application, and must contain the same title as the application, date(s) of the offering(s), and clearly defined times on the agenda for each topic.

For questions, please reach out to Shelley Long at slong@m-a-n-s.org or 517-372-0012. Additional information may be found in the "members only" section of our website.

National School Choice Week

National School Choice Week is January 22nd - 26th, 2018! The week falls in close proximity to National Lutheran School Week and National Catholic School Week giving you many opportunities to draw national attention to your local efforts. Here are a few simple ways your school can celebrate these wonderful recognition weeks.

- Show the importance of school choice by posting your celebrations on social media and include #SchoolChoice.
- Contact your State Legislators and explain the importance of school choice for parents and students and invite them to participate in your Lutheran Schools Week and Catholic Schools Week events.

Upcoming Events



Join MANS and DeBrincat Consulting Group for a morning dedicated to giving you the opportunity to consider what it takes to build strategic buy-in for a successful fundraising program.

This session will cover:

- Rationale for a formal fundraising program
- Understanding and prioritizing needs
- Building fundraising program support

Registration is \$75.00 and includes light morning refreshments. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Three (3) SCECHs are available. Please bring \$10.00 and your PIC number if you are interested in receiving SCECHs.



Registration is Now Open!

Join with more than 150 non-public school administrators from across the state for a day of interaction with policy makers in Lansing. The morning session will consist of legislative meetings where participants will be able to engage with their legislators on the latest information on educational policy issues impacting faith-based schools. The afternoon will include

speakers on a variety of issues impacting non-public schools. All the major candidates for Governor will be invited to address participants.

Registration is \$80.00 for MANS members and \$110 for those who are not yet members. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and parking in the Ottawa Street Ramp.

Click [here](#) to register.



**Michigan Association of Non-public Schools
Education Conference and Expo**
Inspiring Educators With Passion and Purpose

October 18-19, 2018
Amway and DeVos Place - Grand Rapids, Michigan

The MANS Education Conference and Expo brings together school leaders, teachers and staff from member schools across the state. Enjoy two days of professional development, sharing with colleagues, and the unique opportunity for fellowship with the Catholic, Lutheran Schools - Missouri Synod and Christian Schools International communities in Michigan. Don't miss this important opportunity to gather with other faith-based educators with a commitment to Christian mission and excellence in education.

Join us for keynote and featured speakers, more than 100 sectionals, exhibit hall, special offsite educational excursions, 5K Run/Walk, and so much more. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) will be available.

Registration opens in April 2018.
\$150 early bird rate ~ \$195 regular rate

Lodging at the Amway Grand Plaza.
\$159 King or Double Queen per night plus applicable taxes and fees.

To reserve a room, [please click here](#), or you may call their reservations desk at 800.253.3590 or 616.776.6450 and tell them you are making reservations with the MANS - Michigan Association of Non-public Schools block of rooms. **Please use the provided link or call one of the two numbers to receive the discounted room rate.**

Cutoff date for reserving rooms in this room block is September 16, 2018.

MANS 2018 Call for Presenters

There is still time to submit your presentation for the 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo!

While networking, fellowship, the expo and keynote speakers rank highly among reasons for attending the MANS Education Conference and Expo, quality programming is the foundation of our conference. We invite you to propose a session(s), that help us create a robust and well-balanced program focusing on topics that MANS member educators value and require in their professional roles.

You can submit your presentation easily using [our online submission form](#).

Important Dates:

- December 1 - Call for Presenters opens
- February 1 - Submission deadline
- April - Presenters notified about proposal selections
- April - Conference registration opens
- June - Presenters notified when their session is scheduled
- July - Early Bird Registration ends
- October 18-19, 2018 -- MANS Education Conference and Expo

Save the Date

Engaging Philanthropy: Building Organization Support for Fundraising	February 8, 2018
Public Policy Day	March 8, 2018
CLC Network: A Neurodevelopment Framework for Learning	April 10, 2018
Office Staff Seminar	August 2, 2018
Education Conference and Expo	October 18-19, 2018

State and Federal News

State News

Michigan Department of Education Equitable Service Training

The Michigan Department of Education is conducting an Equitable Service Consultation Training for Non-public Schools and Local Education

Agencies (LEAs). This two-hour training will review the consultation process and preparation regarding equitable services; the role of the ombudsman; and information on Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allowable services. Time will be provided for public and private schools to start the consultation process for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Michigan Department of Education will be coming to a location near you. Below are dates, times and location for each training. Click [here](#) to register.

Date:	Time:	Location:
February 12, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Ingham ISD
February 14, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Diocese of Grand Rapids
February 20, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo RESA
March 5, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wayne RESA
March 6, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wayne County Community College
March 20, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Diocese of Gaylord
March 21, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Marquette/Alger ISD
March 23, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Saginaw ISD

Robotics Award Winners

Congratulations to all our member schools who were awarded a FIRST Robotics Grant from the Michigan Department of Education!

If your school has a FIRST Robotics team or a FIRST LEGO League, keep your eye out for the application early next fall!

Click [here](#) for a list of all non-public school award winners.

OK2SAY Winter Newsletter

Ok2Say has received more than 10,000 tips of potential harm directed at schools, students or staff since it's launch in September of 2014. To see the full extent of this program, click [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

**Michigan Science Teachers Association Annual Conference - March
2-3, 2018 - Lansing, Michigan**

The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) is hosting it's 65th Annual Conference at the Lansing Center. Topics include STEM, Next Generation Science Standards and so much more. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Other Events

Introduce a Girl to Engineering - February 24, 2018 - East Lansing, Michigan

Students, grades 4th - 8th, are invited to attend a free Engineering Open House Event at the MSU Engineering Building. Attendees will be able to rotate through five different hands-on Engineering activities. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Fund Development Opportunities

Meemic Traditional Grant

The Meemic Foundation Traditional Grant invites all Foundation Club members to apply for their Traditional Grant. This grant of up to \$500 can help fund a special project in your classroom or school. Applications are being accepted until March 30, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).



The Meemic Foundation

Meemic Masterpieces: Art Contest & Grant Opportunity

The Meemic Foundation invites Meemic Foundation Club Members and their students to participate in their Student Art Contest. Up to 50 artworks will be selected. The student artist will receive a Chromebook and an invitation to the recognition ceremony. The Foundation Club member of the winning student will receive \$300 in an art supplies grant. Artwork must reflect one of the following themes:

- Kindness to Others
- Diversity
- Anti-bullying

Submissions are being accepted until March 30, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

Energy Program Corner

Member Schools Save Thousands of Dollars By Switching Utility

Rates

MANS recently discovered that many member schools located in DTE's service territory are being charged electric rates equivalent to those paid by commercial businesses without realizing that schools are eligible for special discounted rates.

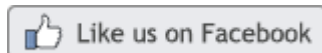
Over the past several months MANS reached out to DTE member schools to make them aware that by switching rates they are likely to incur very significant savings on their electricity bills. MANS has been successful in assisting 20 member schools to make the switch to the discounted school rates. As a result, participating member schools will save an estimated \$165,000 annually, which equals \$8,250 annually per school. Again, note that this is a saving per year, not a one-time saving.

There is still an opportunity for perhaps 90-95% of the almost 100 remaining DTE schools to each save thousands of dollars annually through a rate change. MANS urges schools in the DTE service area to contact EnStar Energy for a review. You can reach Enstar at (517) 694-2510.

MANS Gas Choice Program is Still Available

MANS is continuing to assist its member schools and affiliates with the process of selecting a supplier and enrolling in a Natural Gas Customer Choice program that will allow schools and affiliates to reduce their operating budget. If your school or church is not currently participating in the MANS Gas Choice Program and is looking for ways to reduce its operating costs there is no better time to start than now. Contact EnStar at (517) 694-2510, provide a recent gas invoice, and EnStar will provide you with a tailored offer and savings estimate.

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