

MANS

December 2018 MANS Notes

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

MATTHEW 1:21



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Executive Corner

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

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord this Christmas, it is easy to get caught up in all the distractions that the Christmas season brings, especially in a school. The Christmas program, classroom parties, final exams and the overall excitement of the students all play into a hectic month. During all the commotion, be sure you take some time to step back and enjoy this time of year.

Registration for MANS Public Policy Day will be opening next month. This year's Public Policy Day is critical to advance the legislative efforts for non-public schools. There are 52 new legislators in the House and Senate. Please join us on March 14, 2019 to meet with legislators and inform them of the issues that face faith-based schools in Michigan. We look forward to seeing you there and at the many other events coming this period!

Wishing you many blessings this Christmas season and may you have a peaceful and relaxing break.

Blessings,

Sincerely,

MANS Executive Director

Advocacy

Federal News

National School Choice Week

MANS is pleased to be partnering with the **National School Choice** network for its 2019 advocacy efforts. Join us in celebrating educational innovation and opportunity in Michigan on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** at the Michigan State Capitol. Student displays, performances and testimonials will showcase the value Michigan families receive when they exercise choice to meet their educational needs.

MANS and the Michigan Catholic Conference are looking for a student or parent who is willing to share their story of the importance faith-based schools has played in their life. Please contact [Brian Broderick](#) or [Paul Stankewitz](#) for more information.

[Learn More](#)

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

The application for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School (ED-GRS) is now open. This program is an award that recognizes schools that reduce environmental impact and costs, improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff and provide effective environmental and sustainability education.

[Learn More](#)

State News

Michigan Department of Education Equitable Service Training

Join the Michigan Department of Education for an equitable service training for Local Education Agencies and Non-public Schools! These three-hour trainings will review the consultation process between Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and private schools and provide updated information on Title funds including examples of allowable services such as early childhood services and after school services. In addition, a brief overview will occur on how to file the non-public school membership report and troubleshooting common errors.

[Learn More](#)

Michigan School Safety Recommendations

The Michigan School Safety Task Force released final recommendations for school safety. The task force was created in April of 2018 and asked to provide both structural and policy recommendations to increase safety in Michigan schools. The final recommendations were published November 2018.

[Final Recommendations](#)

FIRST Robotics Grant Award Announcement

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the recipients of the 2018-19 FIRST Robotics Grant. Forty two MANS member schools were awarded a total of \$186,950 making up about 75% of the non-public schools awards for the FIRST Robotics Grants. Congratulations to all the MANS member recipients!

[Learn More](#)

The Michigan Department of Education Webinar Series

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Office of Educator Excellence (OEE) have launched a webinar series designed to empower teacher, school, and district leaders with the knowledge and practices to recruit, develop, retain, recognize, and support educators throughout the workforce pipeline. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) are available for those who participate in the live webinars.

[Learn More](#)

2019 Earth Day Poster Contest

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Michigan Department of National Resources invite schools, K-5th grade, throughout the state of Michigan to participate in the 2019 Earth Day Poster Contest! Submission requirements and details are listed on the flyer below. Original artwork deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

[Learn More](#)

Professional Development

MANS Events

Save the Date - MANS Public Policy Day - March 14, 2019

Registration for the 2019 MANS Public Policy Day will soon be open. Be sure to join your colleagues from across the state as we grapple with educational policy issues that impact faith-based schools.

Don't miss this important day!

Look for registration information after the first of the year!



MESC Offerings

These events are offered at a significant discount exclusively to non-public schools. Contact Michigan Association of Non-public Schools for more information

MESC Professional Learning Grant Opportunity

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative (MESC) is pleased to offer professional learning grants to Michigan's non-public schools. Grants of up to \$5000 are available based on the guidelines contained in the 2019 Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative Professional Learning Grant. The purpose of these grants is to increase student achievement by improving the quality of instruction and to encourage the growth of professional learning systems in non-public schools.

Criteria for Selection:

- **Data driven:** applicant must demonstrate that the proposed plan reflects documented instructional needs in the school(s).
- **Plan of action:** applicant must outline the activities, timeline for implementation and method for evaluating the effectiveness of the proposed professional learning plan.
- **Budget:** applicant must provide a budget justification outlining all expenses and how they relate to the proposed plan.

Examples of allowable expenses include contracting with instructional coaches, in-service events for staff, peer exchanges, conference attendance, and the purchase of instructional

tools aligned with professional learning goals. This list is not exhaustive but is meant to provide a sample of allowable expenses that can be requested through this grant.

The review committee will only consider applications from non-public schools registered through the [Michigan Department of Education Nonpublic School Membership Report](#) as of December 21, 2018.

Applications must be submitted using the online application form by **5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2018.**

[Click here to learn more about the grant application process.](#)

[Click Here access the online application form](#)

Van Andel Education Institute - Sustained Training

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative is excited to partner with the Van Andel Education Institute to offer a sustained professional development event for science teachers in grades Kindergarten through 12th.



This two year training will offer teachers:

- An interactive opportunity to experience an investigation that models inquiry-based science.
- Strategies for successfully incorporating a process of scientific inquiry as well as a classroom culture of thinking and collaboration.
- Access to VAEI lessons aligned to standards and ready for implementation and customization.
- Easy-to-implement strategies that support the processes of scientific inquiry and engineering design, scientific habits of mind, and a rich, collaborative learning environment.
- Development of a portfolio to support inquiry-based science learning.
- Support in implementation throughout the year with individualized action plans and frequent feedback loops.

Early Bird Registration BONUS Opportunity!

Register soon for the Van Andel Education Institute Sustained Training for the chance to receive a complete set of [student prompt posters](#) (valued at \$60). Those who are registered by **December 20, 2018** will be entered into a raffle to receive one of two sets of tools for their classroom.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Van Andel Education Institute Sustained Training.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the year one workshops.

Year one cohort registration is \$100.00 for all four trainings and includes lunch.

Register for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 3rd - 5th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 6th - 8th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 9th - 12th grade training: [click here](#)

NWEA - Applying Reports

Gather with other non-public school educators for a day of building a shared understanding of differentiated instruction. You will learn:

- How to use MAP Growth reports to gauge student readiness
- Identify instructional resources you can use to target diverse learning needs
- Design tiered, responsive instructional plans by integrating standards, MAP Growth data and local curriculum

Choose from one of the three locations across Michigan where the MESC will be hosting this discounted professional development event.

January 14, 2019 – Grand Rapids, Michigan

January 15, 2019 – Lansing, Michigan

January 16, 2019 – Mount Pleasant, Michigan

Event registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch. 5 SCECHS will be available.

Follow-up sessions will occur Spring of 2019.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Additional Offerings

Michelle Doyle Educational Consulting 2018-19 Webinar Series

Michelle Doyle is offering free webinars for private schools on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the consultation process. [Click here](#) for dates and times for her upcoming webinars. If you are not able to attend one of her webinars, don't worry! Michelle will be posting recordings on her website. Click the link below to see past webinars.

[Learn More](#)

National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference - February 9-12, 2019 - Columbus, Ohio

The National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference provides powerful, research-based professional development. Led by literacy experts and authors, sessions focus on best instructional practices for educators.

[Learn More](#)

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command - February 22, 2019 - Warren, Michigan

The Great Lakes Battalion will host a training event for educators, administrators and community partners from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Macomb Community College (South Campus). This training will educate administrators, educators, and community partners about the benefits, training, jobs and lifestyle the Army offers. This event will also include interactive military displays and the opportunity to see and use military technology and equipment.

[Learn More](#)

REMC Virtual Courses

The REMC Association of Michigan offers free virtual professional development courses to all Michigan school personnel. Topics include OER to Support Early Literacy, Applying Google Apps for Education in Chrome, and so much more. State Continuing Education Clock Hours are available for virtual courses.

[Learn More](#)

Innovative Solutions

Grant Opportunities

The Meemic Foundation: For Our Schools Grant Opportunity

Is there a school in your community that could use a \$500.00 grant? The Meemic Foundation is asking for nominations of deserving schools. They have partnered with Office Depot to provide a nominated school with a \$500.00 grant. Nominations are due by December 31, 2018.

[Learn More](#)

The Meemic Foundation: Traditional Grant

The Meemic Foundation is currently accepting applications for their Traditional Grant. Does your classroom have a field trip coming up that could use some extra funding? Are you looking for new STEM tools for your classroom? Apply by December 31, 2018 to receive funding up to \$500.00.

[Learn More](#)

Business Partner Corner

Michigan Virtual

7 reasons why your high-achieving students deserve online summer learning options

For self-motivated learners, taking online summer courses can be liberating because it allows them to make progress toward their goals while studying at their own pace in time blocks that fit their busy schedules. In some cases, online programs offer students more learning options with more flexibility than their face-to-face counterparts. Here are 7 ways online summer school benefits your high-achieving students:

[Learn more](#)





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