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TEACHER BULLETIN

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Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! We are grateful that you've chosen to be part of the Church's very important ministry of teaching in a Catholic school. As in the past, our "Catholic Youth and School Services (CYSS) office will again publish a monthly "Teachers' Bulletin" for you. It will be e-mailed directly to you on the second Friday of each month. If you know of a fellow teacher who did not receive this Bulletin, tell him/her to notify the Principal who should send the teacher's e-mail address to Shari Beier at sbeier@toledodiocese.org

As you begin your role as teacher-minister, always keep in mind the Credo and the Mission Statement of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toledo:

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CREDO

As Catholic School Educators,

We believe our Catholic School is not only a school, but a community of Faith;

We believe those entrusted to us are not only students, but children of God;

We believe we are not only educators, but Ministers of the Gospel;

We believe the values we teach are not only character development, but a call to Holiness;

We believe our courses of study are not only academic pursuits, but a search for Truth;

We believe the purpose of education is not only for personal gain and the development of society, but for the Transformation of the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through Christ, we come together as a Catholic community to immerse our students in profound, holy learning that calls them as Disciples of Christ to embrace the Kingdom of God, thereby transforming the world.

Developed at the Diocesan Catholic Schools Summit, November 2005

EDUCATOR EVENTS

IMAGINATION STATION HAPPENING! (FORMERLY COSI OF TOLEDO)

The Imagination Station proudly announces its Grand Opening for October 10, 2009. Having merged the best of COSI Toledo with dynamic new additions and enhancements, over \$1 million in renovations has taken place to create a destination where children can explore, learn and discover.

Imagination Station is hosting a special Educator Preview on Tuesday, October 6 from 4-7pm. Educators can gather information about partnering with the science museum to reach educational benchmarks. They can sneak a peek at Circus!, our new traveling exhibit and experience first hand the new, exciting Imagination Station! Call for information, 419.244.2674. The Toledo Community Foundation aids students attending certain TPS and Diocese of Toledo schools with transportation costs for field trips. Call 419.241.5049 for information.

STUDENT EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FIRE SAFETY – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (METRO TOLEDO)

The Toledo chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a fire safety day for elementary students. Click here for a flyer: <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/2009FiremanFreddieDayFlyer.pdf>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS

Junior high and high school students (Grades 7-12) are invited to participate in the National 2009-2010 Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Help us to educate others about the reality of poverty and the work of CCHD through your design and communications talents – writing, drawing, painting, or electronic media. Entries are judged locally and winners entered into national competition. For more information and contest materials, please visit www.usccb.org. Entrants are required to have interaction with a CCHD-funded group in order to enter. For more information on this requirement, and to obtain a list of CCHD-funded groups in the Diocese of Toledo, please contact Germaine Kirk, Social Ministry Program Coordinator, Diocese of Toledo Catholic Charities, 419-244-6711 ext. 431 or email gkirk@toledodiocese.org

Entry deadline is March 1, 2010. Click here for more information:

<http://www.cyss.org/pdf/090409Contest%20Packet%20for%20Schools%20and%20Parishes.pdf>

CALL FOR ARTISTS: TOLEDO CATHOLIC DIOCESE CELEBRATES THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS WITH TRAVELING ART SHOW

The Toledo Catholic Diocese is looking for artists of all ages and mediums to submit Catholic themed artwork celebrating the Year for Priests as declared by Pope Benedict XVI. Art will be entered into a traveling art show that will tour the dioceses' 19 county area. The show begins in late March during Holy Week and will conclude during the diocesan Priest Convocation in late June.

Pope Benedict XVI has declared the Year for Priests from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010. The Holy Father has asked that this year be a time for recognizing the priest's commitments to the church through prayer and acts of acknowledgement of their loyalty to God. The Toledo Catholic Diocese is asking the community to join in the celebration by calling on all area artists to share their talents to help honor priests.

All submissions will be reviewed by the diocesan Year for Priests art committee for acceptance into the show. Entries are limited to three per artist, and must first be submitted through digital photo on a CD-ROM disk or photograph to the diocesan office of communications or by E-mail to communications@toledodiocese.org no later than January 15, 2010 at 5 p.m. Each piece of artwork must be original and professionally finished. Multi-media and performance art is not eligible. Art submissions will be divided into two categories, K-12 and Adult.

For more information click here: <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/090409CallForArtistsYrOfThePriests.pdf> or contact Sara Newell at 419-244-6711 x149 or Sally Oberski at 419-244-6711 x148.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES & FREEBIES

UNBRIDLED ACTS OF KINDNESS

U-ACT which stands for Unbridled Acts, or random acts of kindness, is a character building initiative specifically for middle and junior high schools with grades 6-8, which aims to inspire and energize students about the value of being kind to others. Throughout the school year, participating schools are asked to share Red Robin's Unbridled culture with their students by participating in programs that promote kindness. At the end of the year, schools are asked to submit a program binder outlining their efforts during the school year for a chance to earn a grant anywhere from \$1,200-\$15,000! Last year's U-ACT Champion School recipient was Word of God Catholic School in Pittsburgh, PA.

The Red Robin Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information, please go to: www.redrobin.com/rrfoundation/uactprogram.aspx

BOOK DONATIONS AVAILABLE (PRE-SCHOOL – GRADE 2)

Bruce Larkin, the published author of over eight-hundred early children's books including the extremely popular Larkin's Little Readers Series, donates 20,000 books per week to pre-kindergarten through second grade students. There is no charge for these books. There is no charge for shipping and handling. To apply for these books please go to:

<http://www.wilbooks.com>

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WGTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WGTE is offering professional development sessions that are bundled with the equipment packages that are most often requested by teachers. Go to <http://www.wgte.org> for details.

RENEW PROTECTING YOUTH ONLINE

Many teachers and principals are due to renew the Protecting Youth Workshop this Fall. This can be done online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org, or check the CYSS website for the latest Protecting Youth dates in your area. The Protecting Youth requirement must be completed every five years.

LOURDES COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Lourdes College Graduate School offers high quality cohort based graduate education. For more information go to <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/Sept09LourdesOpenHouseMEDInvite.pdf>

DIOCESAN LPDC

The first meeting of the Diocesan Professional Development Committee will be Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 1:00 PM at the Catholic Center. Please have any CEU requests or license applications to Vicki Fitts no later than Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

2009-10 NWO STEM EDUCATION INQUIRY SERIES Bowling Green State University

2009-10 Inquiry Series Dates:

Sept. 26 [Sat] -	8:30-12:30	Blast-Off, BGSU Student Union
Oct. 22 [Thurs] -	5:00-8:00	Rossford High School
Nov. 7 [Sat] -	7:45-4:00	NWO Symposium, Penta Career Center
Dec. 3 [Thurs] -	5:00-8:00	Rossford High School
Jan. 21 [Thurs] -	5:00-8:00	Rossford High School
Feb. 18 [Thurs] -	5:00-8:00	Rossford High School
Mar. 25 [Thurs] -	5:00-8:00	Rossford High School
Apr. 22 [Thurs] -	4:30-8:30	Summit, Rossford High School

The Inquiry Series is free to all educators and school administrators. Meals are provided free of charge.

Partial scholarships available for graduate credit. For more information contact nwo@bgsu.edu.

To register online or download a brochure go to: <http://nwocenter.org/inquiryseries>

Go to <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/NWOSTEMEducationInquirySeries.doc> for additional details.

2009 NWO SYMPOSIUM ON SCIENCE, MATH & TECHNOLOGY TEACHING

The Northwest Ohio Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education will present the 2009 NOW Symposium on Science, Mathematics and Technology Teaching on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM at the Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio. There is no charge for Registration, and a Breakfast, Lunch and Gift Bag are provided free of charge. For more information go to: <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/Sept09NWOSymposium.pdf>.

LUCAS COUNTY ESC P D SESSIONS

Lucas County Educational Service Center (LCESC) is once again providing professional development opportunities for the 2009-2010 school year. All current sessions are posted online at: www.lucas.k12.oh.us and at <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/Sept09TLucasCoPD.pdf>.

Additional sessions may be added throughout the year. There is a \$25 fee or cost as posted in the on-line booklet. For more information contact Les Shultz at 419-246-3120 or lcesc_prodev@nwoca.org.

LICENSURE

IPDP's

All educators who renew or convert to their 5 year license must complete a new Individual Professional Development Plan. Check the cyss.org website for all LPDC forms at <http://www.cyss.org/Schools/PDC/PDforms.html>.

RELIGION TEACHERS/NON TAX

If an educator is teaching Religion and holds any license other than K-8 or 1-8 (i.e. 4-9 in two subject areas), must get a Non Tax teaching certificate. License and certificate applications can be found through the link on the cyss.org website. Send application and check to Vicki Fitts for signature and processing to 1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43604.

BEGINNING TEACHER/MENTOR INFORMATION

The Beginning Teacher Transition Program (formerly Entry Year Program) is being established by the Ohio Department of Education to help teachers with a 2 year license transition to the professional 5 year license.

Until the complete program is in place, the following guidelines will help the Beginning Teacher and mentor begin the program:

- Designate at least one mentor in your building. The mentor must be Pathwise trained and attend a teacher/mentor meeting and an ODE-sponsored mentor training session. Dates are to be announced.
- All forms, including the Educator Profile, are on the cyss.org website, under the [Teacher page](#).
- Complete the Beginning Teacher Profile, and send to Vicki Fitts at the CYSS office with a copy of the teacher's 2 year license and contract no later than September 30, 2009.

A **mandatory** Beginning Teacher/Mentor orientation class will be held the following dates. The teacher and mentor need only attend one of the following dates. All meetings will be from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please make your reservation with Vicki Fitts at CYSS.

- Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – Holy Cross Catholic School, Defiance
- Thursday, September 24, 2009 – Sacred Heart School, Fremont
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 – Catholic Center, Toledo

L.I.F.E. (LEARNING IN A FAITH FILLED ENVIRONMENT)

Congratulations to the remaining schools in the Diocese who attended the Catholic Educators' Academies this summer and to the host schools; Norwalk Catholic School: St. Paul Jr. High and High School and St. John's Jesuit High School. Now everyone will understand the meaning of LIFE – Learning in a Faith Filled Environment, that is!

Each of our schools now has an action plan that outlines what will be happening in the hallways and classrooms that truly makes it "Different by Design." Many of us are working on building communities of learners by integrating and recognizing L.I.F.E. Guidelines and Skills in our buildings. These plans or "Next Steps" will be posted on the CYSS website under "Catholic Educators' Academies." There is also a link to L.I.F.E. Teacher-Minister Resources on the same page.

Most importantly, we would love to know what is happening in your school or classroom as a result of your Catholic School Academy Plan. What are the ideas and practices you have implemented this year or last that are strengthening the Catholic Identity and the faith filled environment in your building? What is happening within the walls of your building that is making a difference in the lives of your students? Teacher-ministers are asked to e-mail any ideas that are being carried out in classrooms or schools to Marty Hartman (mhartman@toldeodiocese.org) Kathy Taraschke (ktaraschke@toledodiocese.org) and each month, a section of the Teacher Bulletin will be reserved for sharing. Thanks for all you do to keep the faith alive and growing.

TECHNOLOGY

AREA TECH CONFERENCES

- [NWOET](#) – October 12, 2009, in Bascom
- [eTECH](#) – February 1-3, 2010 in Columbus
- [MACUL](#) – March 10-12, 2010 in Grand Rapids
- Diocean Tech Conference – June 17, 2010

TEACHERTUBE

TEACHERTUBE <http://www.teachertube.com>

TeacherTube's goal is to provide an online community for sharing instructional videos. It is an effort to fill a need for a more educationally focused, safe venue for teachers, schools, and home learners. It is a site to provide anytime, anywhere professional development with teachers teaching teachers. Teachers can also post videos designed for students to view in order to learn a concept or skill. An example of one of the videos is: [Did You Know](#)

Video Channels include: Extraordinary Moments Contest - Real World Math Contest - Adora's Flying Fingers - AIHE - History Education – Elementary - Fine Arts - High School – Math - Middle School - Physical Education – Reading – Science - Social Sciences - Student Products - TeacherTube Tutorials - World Languages – Writing.

[INFOhio.org](#) – Free to Ohio Educators, Students and Parents

Efforts to prepare students for the 21st Century increasingly involve the integration of information technology with classroom instruction. The major goal of INFOhio is to use technology to enhance curriculum and instruction in information literacy by providing greater access to resources for Ohio learners and educators.

The INFOhio web site is:

- organized by grade levels K-5, 6-8 and 9-12
- provides “[toolkits](#)” and “training opportunities” for classroom teachers’ reference
- provides aligning resources to the Ohio Academic Content Standards

A few of the many resources available are:

- Digital video collections
- Lesson plans
- Worldbook Online
- SIRS Discoverer
- American National Biography
- A.D.A.M. Health Illustrated Encyclopedia
- OH!Teach
- Learning Express Library
- LandSat (Satellite Image Server)
- Arts Collection
- Literature online

These resources can be accessed by Ohio educators, students and parents. A username and password is required to access the site from home. (as we cannot post the logins on the web, schools can access them via the “[principals’ private web page](#)”) Questions, contact [Shari Beier](#) at CYSS.

CURRICULUM

NEW K-8 HEALTH COURSE OF STUDY

Please visit <http://www.cyss.org/Schools/CofS/CoS.html> to check out the new K-8 Health Course of Study that will be posted the week of September 14, 2009.

Constitution Day – Sept. 17, 2009

Schools are encouraged to plan an education program each year in September celebrating the Sept. 17, 1787, signing of the U.S. Constitution. ODE and CYSS offers the following planning suggestions for ideas to help celebrate Constitution Day:

- Include students from all grades, teachers, parents and community members in the planning process for school-wide events;
- Engage students in meaningful activities aligned with the school's curriculum, the Diocesan Course of Study, and Ohio's academic content standards;
- Plan programs that incorporate current courses of study with the topics and themes of Constitution Day to connect age-appropriate activities and grade-level content; and
- Continue the study and discussion of the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens throughout the school year.

Other resources include:

The National Constitution Center, an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of, and appreciation for, the Constitution, its history, and its contemporary relevance;

Constitution Day, Inc., whose mission is to perpetuate the Constitution to each succeeding generation;

The National Archives and Records Administration, which celebrates Constitution Day by presenting activities, lesson plans and information pertaining to the Constitution;

The U.S. Department of Education's Web site Federal Resources for Educational Excellence, which contains information from more than 30 federal agencies on federally supported teaching and learning resources available to teachers; and

The Library of Congress, which preserves valuable federal records including documents of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774-1789.

UPDATES

WELCOME NEW STAFF FOR CYSS!

We are very happy to announce the hiring of two new staff members for Catholic Youth and Schools Services.



Martha Hasselbusch is thrilled to join the Catholic Diocese of Toledo Educational Team as the Curriculum Development Coordinator. Martha earned a Bachelor in Education and a Master in Administration from Baldwin Wallace College, as well as a Juris Doctor from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. A life long learner and educator, Martha has taught music for the Strongsville and Cleveland Schools for many years. For the past seven years, Martha has served as a Principal, Supervisor of Curriculum &

Instruction and Regional Vice President of Curriculum & Operations in the North East Ohio area.

Martha is married to Kim and has three children, Russ (28 yrs), Andrea (22 yrs) and Robert (17 yrs). Martha likes to read, putter in the garden and spend time with her family in her spare time.



Martha Hartman should be a familiar face! Marty has been a principal in the Toledo Diocese for three years and prior to that served in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as both a teacher and principal. She now joins the Diocesan Educational Team as School Consultant. Marty received her Masters in Education and her Administration and Supervision certification from Indiana University. Marty is married to Bob and they have two children. Rob (27) works at Butler University and Amy (23) works at The Ohio State University.

One other bit of CYSS staff news: Kathy Taraschke will remain as a valuable member of our CYSS staff, but will be cutting back to part-time. She will continue to be involved with all of our Principals' meetings as well as taking an active role on a number of projects promoted by CYSS.

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