



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PRINCIPALS' BULLETIN JANUARY 29, 2010

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

The following thoughts are taken from a speech given by the prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Education, Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, at Fordham University last May (interspersed with lines from our Credo.) As your school community prepares to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we hope that you catch a glimpse of yourself. Thank you for begin an integral part of this ministry we call Catholic School Educators!

We Need Catholic Schools More Than Ever!

“...we need Catholic schools that make a priority of the family; schools that keep in mind the family's needs, and defend its dignity as well as the values on which to build its happiness. Such schools do not only teach people to build strong, responsible and long lasting families; but also seek to be an effective help for families in their weighty task of education.”

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

“...we need Catholic schools that make the effort to form free persons – persons, that is, who are able to choose good, and not be bound by the chains of evil. In today's world – full of so much terrorism and hate; full of so many wars, conflicts, absurd struggles, which have not in the least been diminished by technical progress, but, rather on the contrary, made more severe – we need Catholic schools that teach respect toward each person; that teach love, forgiveness, reconciliation and dialogue.”

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

“...we need Catholic schools that build on values; on solid firm values; values that can renew the face of the earth. Indeed, the Second Vatican Council followed by Pope John Paul II, insisted that Christ is the key to understanding the fundamental truths about the human person: his dignity, vocation and

destiny. In Christ, we have the most perfect ideal of the human person and the answer to the question: to educate for what? A secular education only takes into consideration life, in this world, the deceptive happiness here on earth. Yet, we know that life does not finish with physical death, but that it goes on. We are destined for eternal life; we are called to eternal happiness. We need Catholic schools that situate us with the full truth of our existence, and prepare us for the beatitude in the eternal dimension.”

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

“...the weakest area of education today is the crisis of values.....the cause of this crisis is diffused moral relativism concerning the essential truths of the lives of men and women. With that goes subjectivism and sometimes also nihilism. If moral truths are presented as relative, the basis for education is destroyed – education, for which the principal question is: to educate for what?”

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

“...we need Catholic schools that turn globalization toward a spirit of solidarity, of real help for the needy, of respect toward every culture...only globalization realized on such a basis will truly build up the good of all humanity.”

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

Momentum, April/May, 2009

BISHOP’S VIDEO:

This is a follow up to the article that was in last week’s Principals’ Bulletin. As indicated earlier, Bishop Blair has determined that he wants to address all the people of the diocese about the importance of and the challenges faced by our Catholic schools. His address is part of a video that has been sent to every parish and school in the diocese.

Pastors and Pastoral Leaders have been asked to show the Bishop’s video during all Masses this opening week-end of Catholic Schools Week or during the closing week-end (February 6-7.)

The Bishop also decided to mail a copy of the video (on DVD) to all of our schools. So parish schools will actually have two copies. Parishes should have already received their copy. School copies have also been mailed. Also, please remember, the Bishop asked that the video be also shown at all gatherings of school councils, pastoral councils, finance committee meetings, faculty meetings, parent organizations, etc. Parishes and schools are also asked to let parishioners and school stakeholders know that the video is currently available on the diocesan web site. There is also [a link on the schools’ page](#) of our CYSS web site that will take you to the video.

This video is a significant effort on our Bishop’s part and it sends a very strong message about his support of the mission of our Catholic schools. Do what you can to see that as many people as possible see and hear our Bishop address the diocese about the importance of all Catholics to support the vital mission of Catholic schools!

PRINCIPALS' HANDBOOK:

The 2009-10 Principals' Handbook is now online. You can find it on the Private Page of our CYSS web site. As you know, we no longer provide hard copies of the handbook. Feel free to refer directly to the pages on the website. You certainly can make copies for yourself and you might also want to make copies for your pastor or president. To be sure you are looking at the most current version of the handbook, each page will have a header with "2009-2010." Also, the footer on each page now says "January 2010." When we make changes in the future, two things will happen:

1. We will notify you of the change in the Principals' Bulletin.
2. The footer in the appropriate handbook section will be changed to reflect the exact date of the revision.

[Click here for a list](#) of all the major changes that have been made in the January, 2010 edition of the Principals' Handbook:

UNIV. OF TOLEDO SCHOLARLY SAVINGS PROGRAM:

The following announcement was made in an earlier Principals' Bulletin:

The University of Toledo has announced its new [Scholarly Savings Account](#). This is a new partnership between the University and all Ohio public, private, and parochial schools. The program will provide students with a scholarship incentive for completion of 8th grade and each successful year of high school. Qualified students have the ability to earn \$10,000 of UT scholarship money while in high school.

The program will start with students who are currently in the 8th grade (high school class of 2014.) The basic requirement will be to achieve an overall cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher at the end of the senior year in high school. Each school can also add additional criteria if they wish. Students from all schools in Ohio are eligible.

Click on the following link for more information: [The University of Toledo Scholarly Savings Account \(SSA\) Web page](#). **Please note: CYSS has completed the "online district registration form" on behalf of all of our schools. So, individual schools should not complete the registration form.** If we receive additional details, the information will be put in the Principals' Bulletin.

CATHOLIC CHRONICLE:

Does your school get the Catholic Chronicle?

Here are just two ways in which it can be used at your school:

- If many of your students' families do not attend Mass regularly, consider sending each issue home with them.
- Are you studying current events? Use the Catholic Chronicle to include local, national and international Catholic news to the mix.

We will provide as many papers as your school needs (for free) for one of these projects or others you want to pursue. Simply contact Rose Anne Conrad at 419-244-6711, ext. 138 or rconrad@toledodiocese.org to make arrangements.

2010/11 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

[Attached](#) to this bulletin is next year's school calendar. The primary purpose of publishing this calendar is to establish the days that Toledo Public must transport our students in yellow busses. Principals of schools that receive this service must remember that if they vary from this calendar, yellow bus transportation will not be provided on those days. Please note that September 17 is the Catholic Educators Conference day. CYSS will apply for a Diocesan wide waiver day.

MATH COURSE OF STUDY

The K-8 Math Course of Study will be introduced to teachers in Fall 2010. The plan includes using a waiver day to form Professional Learning Communities within the regions that were established for the 2005 Summit. We are searching for at least one principal in each region (Metro-Toledo, Central, Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest) to assist with the local coordination which includes date, location, and communication to area schools. A map of the regions can be found on the CYSS website under Catholic Schools Initiative 2010. Please e-mail or call Marty Hartman mhartman@toledodiocese.org if you can help.

PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMIT CHANGES

Changes with the Department of Education applications now require a superintendent signature on all Pupil Activity Permit applications. A cover sheet, confirming the applicant has completed the necessary requirements for the permit, [is attached](#) and must be signed by the principal or athletic director. Please send all applications, with check payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" to Vicki Fitts at the CYSS office. Vicki will process the paperwork to ODE and return the permits to the principal in approximately four weeks.

A.S.C.D. ONLINE EDUCATOR COMMUNITY:

A.S.C.D. has a new free online community for Teachers and Leaders. Educators can discuss issues; share photos, videos, and lesson plans; send updates to colleagues; join and form groups related to professional development topics; and chat with educators from around the world. Go to <http://ascdedge.ascd.org/> for more information.

HELP WITH MICROSOFT OFFICE 2007 DOCUMENTS:

Are you going just a bit over the edge when you receive documents from others who are using Microsoft Office 2007 and you still have the 2003 version(or worse yet 2000) and you cannot open them? Here is a handy link that allows you to convert Office 2007 documents to whatever version you have on your computer and open them.

Microsoft Office 2007 Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel and PowerPoint File Formats:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=941b3470-3ae9-4aee-8f43-c6bb74cd1466&displaylang=en>

POSITION OPENINGS:

SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

The Diocese of Toledo is searching for an educational leader that will continue our tradition, to promote and advance our 100 year history of Catholic identity, academic excellence, and the financial viability of our Catholic schools. This position's responsibilities include the oversight of the centralized school office (Catholic Youth and School Services) including the Catholic Youth Organization with its K-12 athletic programs serving 10,000 children. The diocese encompasses 19 counties in northwest Ohio and is comprised of 67 elementary and 14 high schools, with 1400 educators serving over 20,000 students.

The diocese requires a candidate that is a practicing Catholic with knowledge of and commitment to Gospel values, Catholic moral and social teachings and Church structure. At least ten years experience in Catholic educational ministry is required, preferably as a school principal, superintendent, school administrator and/or Diocesan Catholic education official. A candidate must also have earned a Masters Degree in Education and/or Administration and hold the necessary certification in compliance with standards set for by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Education.

Please submit cover letter along with salary requirements, resume, and references to rcoutts@toledodiocese.org or mail to:

Diocese of Toledo-Human Resources, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604-5360.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Deadline for resumes is February 19, 2010.

PRINCIPAL:

Our Lady of Lourdes and Little Flower Parishes in Toledo announce the collaborative creation of a yet-to-be-named Catholic elementary school (preschool through grade 8) opening in August 2010. The school will be housed at the current Little Flower campus in Toledo. Qualified candidates must be a practicing Catholic, be committed to the values and mission of the Catholic Church and School, possess a Master's Degree in Education or Educational Leadership, hold a valid Ohio Principal's License, and have at least three years experience as a Catholic elementary school principal. Submit resumes, salary expectation, and at least three references to Rev. James Brown at fr.JimBrown@gmail.com. Deadline for submission of resumes is January 27, 2010. For more information contact Rev. James Brown at 419-865-2545.

PRINCIPAL:

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Lima, Ohio is seeking a dynamic, faith filled Catholic principal for a large, culturally-diverse elementary school (grades pre-K through 8, with approximately 500 students), for the 2010-2011 school year into the future. Teaching experience is required, but a Masters in Educational Administration is preferred. Applications are available on line at: www.st-charles.org or call Fr. Steve Blum, pastor, at 419-228-7635. Application deadline is March 31, 2010.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Central City Ministry of Toledo (CCMT) School seeks a dynamic and creative Executive Director to oversee its Pre K-8 Catholic school. CCMT School provides a faith-based education with high expectations, structure, and firm discipline to 450 students at two campuses in central Toledo, Ohio: Rosary Cathedral and Queen of Apostles.

Through the building principals, the Executive Director assures efficient and effective operation of the two school campuses. Most importantly, the Executive Director provides strong visionary leadership, sets the bar high for academic achievement, and challenges the status quo.

Requirements include:

- A practicing Catholic who is committed to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church and Catholic education
- Strong administrative and organizational leadership abilities, especially in the areas of strategic planning, financial management and fundraising
- Excellent communication skills, including public speaking
- Preferred: experience in Catholic education
- Preferred: urban or central city experience

Send your resume and references to: Rene Coutts, Human Resources Generalist, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604 or e-mail rcoutts@toledodiocese.org.