



## **DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PRINCIPALS' BULLETIN FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

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### **FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...**

As we progress through Lent preparing for the celebration of Easter Sunday and as we struggle through the drab month of February with delays and snow days, it may be helpful to recall some of the words of encouragement about Catholic education from Pope Benedict XVI when he spoke two years ago in the United States:

The following is from the address of the Pope to the Diocesan Superintendents and the Presidents of Catholic Universities given at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. in April, 2008:

“...All the Church's activities stem from her awareness that she is the bearer of a message which has its origin in God himself: in his goodness and wisdom, God chose to reveal himself and to make known the hidden purpose of his will (cf. Eph 1:9; Dei Verbum, 2). God's desire to make himself known, and the innate desire of all human beings to know the truth, provide the context for human inquiry into the meaning of life. This unique encounter is sustained within our Christian community: the one who seeks the truth becomes the one who lives by faith (cf. Fides et Ratio, 31). It can be described as a move from "I" to "we", leading the individual to be numbered among God's people.

This same dynamic of communal identity - to whom do I belong? - vivifies the ethos of our Catholic institutions. A university or school's Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students. It is a question of conviction - do we really believe that only in the mystery of the Word made flesh does the mystery of man truly become clear (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 22)? Are we ready to commit our entire self - intellect and will, mind and heart - to God? Do we accept the truth Christ reveals? Is the faith tangible in our universities and schools? Is it given fervent expression liturgically, sacramentally, through prayer, acts of charity, a concern for justice, and respect for God's creation? Only in this way do we really bear witness to the meaning of who we are and what we uphold...”

**ONE FAITH... MANY BLESSINGS SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The overview, application forms, and directions are now available for the 2010-11 One Faith...Many Blessings Scholarships. Please notify your teachers and parents. All the forms can be found on the Schools Page at [www.cyss.org](http://www.cyss.org) Applications for tuition scholarships for the 2010-11 school year will be due May 14, 2010. The deadline for "School Verification Sheets" will be May 21, 2010.

**GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER AWARDS:**

Teachers who have been nominated for the 2009-10 "Golden Apple Awards" need to have their applications turned in to their Principal by March 1. Schools must submit their one candidate to CYSS by March 15.

**NS3 REPORT:**

The FY 2011 Nonpublic School Service System (NS3) in the Web Portal/Safe account system for collecting data for nonpublic school student participation in federal entitlement programs will be available starting on March 1, 2010.

**SCANTRON SPRING TESTING:**

Elementary schools that will be doing spring testing for Scantron can begin on Monday, March 22. We would like all testing to be completed by Friday, April 30. If your school would need to go beyond this date, please notify Carolyn Jaksetic at CYSS.

**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC --- CHECK IT OUT!**

The following is from David McCutchen, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis:

One element that is emphasized in the documents of the Church on religious education is the powerful role that the arts can play in helping to form a Christian culture and in passing on our Catholic Faith. Music holds a very prominent place in many young people's lives, and so the potential for ministry and positive spiritual influence through music is great.

With this in mind, I put together a sampling of about 25 different Christian music artists representing a wide range of musical styles --- and posted their music on our office website. I encourage you to take some time to visit our site and listen to them. It truly is worth the time. You may even find that you like some of the artists yourself --- I do! I listen to many of them at home with my family, in the car, in my office, on the treadmill, or wherever.

Many of the songs have both the music and video/pictures, and this combination of art forms is very powerful indeed for communicating realities that are difficult to capture with mere words alone. Perhaps a student assignment could be to let them choose one of the songs and put together his/her own collage of images that express the meaning of the song. There are examples of this already being done by others in some of the videos listed.

To find our site, go to the homepage of the diocesan website: [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org) and use the "Quick Links" window at the right to scroll down to "Religious Education." Once you're on the site for our office (Office of Evangelization and Catechesis) click on "News and Resources" and scroll down

until you see the link to “Contemporary Christian Music,” which will lead you to 4 pages of music organized alphabetically by artist. Enjoy!

### **TOLEDO TO HOST A SUMMIT FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN NORTHWEST OHIO:**

The University of Toledo and the Women’s Initiative of United Way of Greater Toledo are partnering to host the first Summit for young women in northwest Ohio - Momentum 2010 Northwest Ohio Young Women’s Summit - scheduled for Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. The Summit will be FREE to young girls ages 7th through 12th grade, and will be held at the Dana Conference Center on The University of Toledo Health Science Campus. The Toledo Summit will bring together young women from diverse backgrounds for a half day of interesting programs. Motivational speakers as well as small interactive groups, lead by talented, knowledgeable women, will share information and experiences about the following subjects: How to manage the money that I make babysitting or in a summer job? When should I begin planning for college? Can I afford it? How to build safe and trusted friendships? How should I act when interviewing for a school play, a summer job or for college entrance? How can I figure out what I want to study in college? Are there volunteer opportunities that can help me learn about careers? Students may be registered by their schools or students may register on-line: <http://momentum2010toledo.eventbrite.com/> For more information or if you have questions please call Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg at 419-383-5612.

The March 7th Summit will be held prior to the Momentum 2010, an Ohio Women’s Summit, on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Rife Center in Columbus. The full-day Summit is being held on International Women’s Day. The March 8th Summit is an initiative established by Governor Strickland, who recently launched the Governor's Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. The purpose of the Office is to promote public policy that advances the status of Ohio’s women and girls, thereby strengthening our communities and families. The Summit will serve to gather women of diverse backgrounds to learn, network, advance their careers and be inspired to create change for themselves, their families and whole communities. The goals of the March 8th Summit are to:

- Bring together women of diverse backgrounds;
- Celebrate the potential of girls and honor the accomplishments of women;
- Increase awareness of resources available to women in Ohio;
- Encourage women to choose careers in science, technology, engineering and math;
- Advocate enhanced collaboration among women and across women's organizations;
- Foster Networking opportunities among women;
- Partner with men to accomplish the mission of women; and
- Foster an environment that allows for women to strive for and succeed in leadership roles.

For a flyer click here: <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/022610YoungWomenSummitFlyer.pdf>

For more information, go to:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Summit/Momentum2010Blog/tabid/1127/Default.aspx>

### **“KICK BUTTS DAY”:**

Mark your calendar for the next Kick Butts Day, Wed., March 24, 2010. On March 24, thousands of youth in every state and around the world will stand out, speak up, and seize control against big tobacco. Kick Butts Day is a day of activism that empowers youth to take action against tobacco use at more than 2,000 events from coast to coast. For more information log on to: <http://www.kickbuttsday.org/>

### **OHIO FOUNDATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION VIDEO CONTEST:**

“In Our Own Words” is a video contest brought to you by the Ohio Foundation for Music Education and the Ohio Music Education Association. This contest features videos from students, teachers, friends,

class projects or anyone interested in promoting music education in Ohio schools. We want you to create a “commercial” supporting the value of music education, and upload to our YouTube page. We’ll showcase your video along with others on YouTube as well as at OMEA events throughout the year. Videos received after the April 15, 2010 contest deadline are welcome and will be added to the YouTube page but will not be judged.

For more information go to:

[http://ohiofoundationformusiceducation.org/Static\\_PDF/individual\\_entry.pdf](http://ohiofoundationformusiceducation.org/Static_PDF/individual_entry.pdf)

### **OHIO SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST – GRADES 1- 6:**

As part of the 2010 Severe Weather Awareness Week campaign, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, in cooperation with the National Weather Service, is sponsoring its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. This contest is open to all Ohio students in first through sixth grade. This contest serves as a valuable tool to help students learn about severe weather safety and preparedness. Poster entries must be postmarked by April 16, 2010.

For more information, go to:

[http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/Documents/JustForKids/2010\\_Letter\\_And\\_Poster\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/Documents/JustForKids/2010_Letter_And_Poster_Rules.pdf)

### **POSITION OPENINGS:**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT:**

St. Ursula Academy, an all-girl Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio is seeking a new President. The President shall provide Catholic leadership, administrative competence, vision, fundraising and public relations expertise needed for St. Ursula to fulfill its mission.

The successful candidate will be a proven leader in fundraising and possess the following attributes: excellent relational skills, practicing Catholic with an advanced degree with leadership experience in Catholic education and/or business, evidence of success in soliciting major gifts, demonstrated leadership in strategic planning, evidence of successful fiscal management, and a collaborative leadership style. More detailed information on the school is available at [www.toledosua.org](http://www.toledosua.org).

Letter of interest with resume or curriculum vitae are invited and may be submitted to:

Jeanine Alexander

St. Ursula Academy

4025 Indian Rd

Toledo, OH 43606

[Jalexander@toledosua.org](mailto:Jalexander@toledosua.org)

St. Ursula Academy is sponsored by The Ursuline Sisters of Toledo, Ohio.

#### **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](http://www.st-charles.org) or call Fr. Steve Blum, pastor, at 419-228-7635. Application deadline is March 31, 2010.