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Mission Statement

“...to ensure that the children in the Diocese of Beaumont develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, and emotionally to their fullest potential so that they may help shape society according to the Catholic values which we cherish.”

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Top 10 Reasons to Send Your Child to Catholic School

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith.
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness.
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills.
4. A 99 percent graduation rate.
5. Strong preparation for further education.
6. Safe and disciplined environment.
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential.
8. Individual attention in a caring community.
9. Commitment to technology use to enhance education.
10. Good stewardship of resources.

The National Marketing Campaign For Catholic Schools / www.ncea.org

Calendar:

- Fri., Oct. 2**
Kelly Varsity Football
Game 7:30pm at
Kelly Stadium
HOMECOMING
- Mon., Oct. 5**
NCEA School Data
Forms Due to OCS
- Tue., Oct. 6**
Special Needs Initiative
St. Anthony Chapter
Room 2:30-4:00
- Tue., Oct. 6**
PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conf. Room
- Sat., Oct. 10**
Kelly High School
Tailgate Auction
- Thu., Oct. 15**
Diocesan School Board
Finance Meeting
St. Anne's Holub Hall
11:30-1:30
- Friday, Oct. 16**
End of the First Nine
Weeks of School
- Sat., Oct. 17**
8:30am SACBS Golf
Tournament Bayou Din
- October 19-23**
ITBS Testing
All Elementary Schools
- Tue., Oct. 20**
Principals' Retreat
Holy Family Retreat
Center 11:00-3:00
- Wed., Oct. 21**
Budget Process 10-12
CPC Conference Room
- October 24**
St. Anne School
Carnival

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Superintendent, Nancy Collins

Year for Priests...June 19, 2010, Proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI

“Saint John Mary Vianney taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. ‘One need not say much to pray well’ - the Cure explained to them – ‘We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His sacred presence. That is the best prayer.’”

From the NCEA Elementary Department Newsletter, September

On page 3 of this newsletter, is a listing of the numbers of students from our schools and the parishes that they represent. We are blessed in our diocese to have so many supportive priests who value Catholic education. How can we honor them in a special way this year?

Perhaps, we could pray the Rosary once a week during the Month of October, Mary’s special month. In November, we could pray in thanksgiving for our priests and their involvement in our schools. Each month, we could offer special prayers and Masses to create Spiritual Bouquets to present to each of the priests during Catholic Schools Week.

After all, one of the dividends of a Catholic education is moral development and service to others. Service does include praying for others.

DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AS OF 9/15/2009

SCHOOL	3K	4K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Our Mother of Mercy												
2009-2010	12	9	4	9	6	4	6	6	3	0	0	59
St. Anne												
2009-2010	0	36	59	65	52	55	67	70	62	57	67	590
St. Anthony												
2009-2010	15	18	19	21	17	17	23	25	24	23	23	225
St. Catherine												
2009-2010		19	18	23	17	13	13	21	21	16	16	177
St. Mary												
2009-2010	22	30	20	30	13	20	17	16	14	16	15	213
Kelly												
2009-2010		9th		10th		11th		12th				437
ALL SCHOOLS												TOTAL
2009-2010		102		116		110		109				1,701

**DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY PARISH
SEPTEMBER 2009**

Calendar:**Oct. 30 - Nov. 1**

ASCD Conference on Teaching and Learning in Maryland
www.ascd.org/register

Friday, November 6

Kelly Varsity Football Game - SENIOR NIGHT
7:30pm at Kelly Stadium

November 9-10

Superintendent's Meeting Austin, Texas

Saturday, Nov. 14

7:00 Catholic Charities Harvest of Hope
MCM Elegante Hotel

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Principals' Meeting
HOST: St. Catherine
9:00-2:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 17

PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room

Thu., Nov. 19

11:30-1:30 Diocesan School Board Meeting
CPC Conference Room

Tue., November 24

Early Dismissal - Noon
All Schools

November 25-27

Thanksgiving Holidays
All Schools

Tue., December 1

PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room

Friday, December 4

CPC Staff Advent Day of Prayer - Pastoral Center Closed

Parishes	OMOM School	St. Anne School	St. Anthony School	St. Catherine School	St. Mary School	Msgr. Kelly High School	TOTALS
Blessed Sacrament	9					2	11
Cristo Rey	1		7			2	10
Holy Spirit						2	2
Infant Jesus		10				7	17
OLOAssumption	1	1	6			2	10
OLOGuadalupe		3		37		7	47
OLOOurdes		3			3		6
OLOSorrows	1	5	7			2	15
OLOVictory		1				4	5
OMOMercy	28	6	16			4	54
Queen of Vietnam		6		7	4	2	19
Sacred Heart/St. Mary	1			10		3	14
St. Anne - Beaumont		238	1			100	339
St. Anthony Basilica	2	23	95		1	35	156
St. Catherine of Siena		2		21		6	29
St. Charles Borromeo		4		11	2	3	20
St. Elizabeth		6		4		1	11
St. Francis - Orange					33	6	39
St. Helen					4		4
St. Henry		3			15		18
St. James				10		6	16
St. John				6			6
St. Joseph - Beaumont		8	7				15
St. Joseph - Pt Arthur				9		2	11
St. Jude Thaddeus	2	175	23			80	280
St. Louis		2					2
St. Mary - Fannett		1	1			2	4
St. Mary - Orange		2			82	6	90
St. Maurice					4		4
St. Pius X	2	4	7			4	17
St. Therese - Orange					9		9
St. Therese - Pt Arthur				5		2	7
All Other Churches	11	87	55	54	56	147	410
TOTALS	58	590	225	174	213	437	1,697

Calendar:

Tue., December 15
Principals' Meeting
HOST: St. Mary School
9:00-2:00pm

Thu., December 17
Diocesan School Board
Meeting - St. Anthony
Chapter Room
11:30-1:30

Friday, December 18
Early Dismissal - Noon
All Schools

Friday, December 18
End of the Second Nine
Weeks of School

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1
All Schools
Winter Break

Mon., Jan. 4
Teacher Workday
Student Holiday
All Schools

Tue., Jan. 12
PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room

Mon., Jan. 18
Martin Luther King
Holiday - All Schools

Tue., Jan. 19
Principals' Meeting
HOST: St. Anne School
9:00-2:00pm

Thu., Jan. 21
Diocesan School Board
Meeting 11:30-1:30
CPC Conference Room

Sat., Jan. 23
Diocesan Stewardship
Conference St. Jude
Family Life Center

January 28-30
Renaissance Learning
Response to Intervention
in New Orleans
www.renlearn.com

HEALTH UPDATES

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Hand Sanitizers: Are they as good as soap in fighting infection?

You may have heard rumors that alcohol-based hand sanitizers don't work against various illnesses, such as swine (H1N1) flu. But the CDC says using a hand sanitizer is a good way to fight this flu virus. CDC advises washing your hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer, after touching surfaces that may be infected with the virus. The virus is thought to be able to live on surfaces for up to 2-8 hours.

- When washing hands, the CDC recommends using soap and warm water and washing for at least 20 seconds.
- If you use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer instead of soap and water, first wipe off any dirt from your hands. If you don't, it will decrease the effectiveness of the hand sanitizer. Next, apply the sanitizer and rub your hands until they are dry. The alcohol will kill the germs, so you don't need water.

Selecting a hand sanitizer

An alcohol-based hand sanitizer is a good weapon against the flu and other illnesses. But you should read the label before buying one. The CDC recommends the use of hand sanitizers with 60 percent or higher alcohol (ethanol or isopropanol) to fight infection. Some discount stores may sell hand sanitizers with alcohol concentrations of less than 60 percent. These have been found to be less effective.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Jesus said to his apostles, "Bring the children to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19: 13-14

Jesus was being very inclusive when he spoke about the children. He did not ask for only those who made the best grades but all children. Can we serve all children in our Catholic schools? Because we are caring and compassionate Christian people, we would like to say a resounding "yes"! Realistically, what can our schools do for students with special learning needs?

On Tuesday, October 6, a group of teachers will meet with Mrs. Collins to review a process for our schools to follow in accepting students with learning differences. Thanks to the many resources that teachers brought back from the NCEA Special Needs Conference, we have much good information consider. Hopefully, our plan will provide guidance and resources as we move forward. Thanks to the principals for sharing their teachers for this project.

Calendar:**Sat., Jan. 30**Catechetical Workshop
Assumption Church
8:30-2:00**Jan. 31-Feb. 6**

Catholic Schools Week

Wed., Feb. 310:00 Rainbow Mass
Grades 7-8 & 5-8
St. Anthony Basilica**Tue., Feb. 9**PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room**Mon., Feb. 15**

Student Holiday

Mon., Feb. 15Teacher In-Service
Mike Patin, Presenter
St. Anthony Cathedral
Center 8:00-12:00**Thu., Feb. 18**Diocesan School Board
Meeting 11:30-1:30
St. Anthony Chapter
Room**Friday, March 5**End of the Third Nine
Weeks of School**Friday, March 5**CPC Staff Lenten Day
of Prayer - Pastoral
Center Closed**March 8-12**

Spring Break

Tue., March 9PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room**Tue., March 16**Principals' Meeting
HOST: St. Anthony
9:00-2:00pm**Thu., March 18**Diocesan School Board
Meeting 11:30-1:30
Location TBA

TECH & LEARNING

From: <http://www.techlearning.com/>**Dell Education Grants Calendar 2009-2010 Deadlines and Top 10 Grant Tips:**http://www.techlearning.com/uploadedFiles/dellgrantscalendar09_10.pdf**UPCOMING WEBINARS:****21st Century Skills: What Do They Look Like?****Thursday, October 8 | 10 am PST / 1 pm EST**

Wondering exactly what 21st Century Skills are all about? Trying to determine what steps to take to begin bringing 21st Century Skills into classroom projects? Join this presentation and discussion around 21st Century Skills concepts, examples, and real world advice on how to bring them into the classroom.

[Click here for more information and to register for this FREE event](#)

Netbooks in K-12: Thinking Big by Thinking Small**Thursday, October 15 | 1 pm PST / 4 pm EST**

In today's challenging economy, school districts must do more with less. Some have found success with new technologies that allow them to address student needs at a lower cost than ever before. The secret is in thinking big – planning to equip low-income students with the technology they need – and thinking small – purchasing netbooks. Hear how a CTO and superintendent have created successful one-to-one programs that address their districts' goals, challenges, and needs and are cost effective at the same time.

[Click here for more information and to register for this FREE event](#)

Take the IT Challenge: Managing K-12 systems with small budgets and few resources**Wednesday, October 21 | 11 am PST / 2 pm EST**

Every year, the demands on school, district, and regional IT departments grow. Yet budgets and resources shrink. The challenge is how to do more with less. There are effective strategies to help IT directors deliver services efficiently and cost-effectively across multiple locations.

[Click here for more information and to register for this FREE event](#)

Calendar:**Tue., March 30**Chrism Mass 6:30pm
St. Anthony Basilica**April 1-2**Easter Break
All Schools**Monday, April 5**Easter Monday
Pastoral Center Closed
SCHOOLS OPEN**Tue., April 6**PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room**April 6-9**NCEA Conference
Minneapolis
www.ncea.org**Thu., April 15**Diocesan School Board
Meeting 11:30-1:30
CPC Conference Room**Sat., April 17**OMOM School
Scholarship Banquet
6:00pm MCM Elegante**Tue., April 20**Principals' Meeting
HOST: OMOM School
9:00-2:00pm**Thu., April 22**Bishop Guillory's
Teacher Appreciation
Banquet for Honored
Teachers' of the Year
St. Anthony Basilica
Center 6-8pm**Sat., April 24**Breakfast with the
Bishop 9:00-11:00
St. Anne Parish Hall**Friday, April 30**Student Holiday
Teacher In-Service
All Schools**Tue., May 4**PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room

Student Accolades



Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School Debate Team attended its first debate tournament of the year at Elkins High school in Missouri City the weekend of September 12-13. Kelly had 9 semifinal entries in individual events with two moving on to finals. Joseph Sigur and Bryant Windham advanced in Foreign and Domestic Extemp (respectively). Salena Parker and Josh Barlow advanced in prose. Salena Parker and Salimah Jasani advanced in Poetry. Bryant Windham, Salimah Jasani and Joseph Sigur advanced in Impromptu Speaking with Joseph placing 6th and Salimah placing 4th in the finals. Bryant Windham advanced to the Super Congress round of Student Congress placing 6th overall and receiving a state qualifying point. In Lincoln-Douglas championship debate, Salena Parker advanced to the octofinal round. Congratulations to all who attended. **MKCHS Homecoming Court - Club Duchesses for Homecoming 2009:** Caroline Brewton, Journalism; Paige Burbank, Girls' Athletics; Leah Chapman, Mu Alpha Theta; Erin Clarke, Anchor Club; Samantha Cormier, Bowling Club; Amy Dauer, Varsity Choir; Caitlin Duerler, Drama Club; Catherine Duplant, Faith Club; Kayla Faraci, Kelly Dance Force; Hannah Fierce, Yearbook; Catherine Figueiras, Student Council; Brianna Findley, Pink Club; Allison Funchess, Retreat Team; Raquel Haddad, Band; Connor Hargroder, Cheerleading; Salimah Jasani, Debate; Alex Klima, NHS; Nicole Laserna, Zephyr; Kristin Moor, Key Club; Kelsey Patrick, Art Club; Jenny Saucedo, Yellow Ribbon; Catharine Scheurich, Girls' Athletics; Carly Shelander, SADD; Danielle Thammassilla, Spanish Club; Lauren Truncala, K-9 Crew. **Class Duchesses:** Freshmen: Lauren Gabriella Jones, Sophomore: Hannah Grace Heartfield, Junior: Shalea Francois. **Princesses:** Katherine Grace Broussard, Kelly Camille Bellard, Catherine Anne Draths, Kalah Marie Fulcher, Emily Elizabeth Hallemann, Ellen Elizabeth Perkins, Lizzie Mariah Vigil, and Emily Madison Watson.



St. Catherine of Siena 8th Graders are being paired with 1st Graders in a new religion service project, "**Mass Mentors.**" Each week 8th grade students accompany their 1st grade partner to Mass. During Mass, the mentors help the little ones follow the readings, songs, and escort them to Communion for a blessing. This project, so far, has resulted in improved Mass behavior among younger students. The 8th Graders have also expressed their experience to be both rewarding and fun.

St. Anne Catholic School is happy to announce the students elected as **Student Council Homeroom Representatives for the 2009-2010 school year.**

Fifth Graders: Mandelson Acabado, Emily Werner, Luke Folse, Jared Dowdy, Madison Phelan, Cynthia Bean, and Thomas Burbank. Sixth Graders: Shelby Harris, Maris Thomas, Hannah Patrizi, Kathryn McDaniel, Connor Quinn, and Matthew Scheurich. Seventh Graders: Tristin Chaudhury, Paige Hooper, Jason Conley, Teresa Figari, and Zoe Karahouni. Eighth Graders: Michael Figueiras, and Katherine Werner. **Wildcat Band Leader-**

ship Let's hear a drum roll as we announce the 2009-2010 student officers of the greatest Wildcat Band in the land! It will be a great year for our band students. President: Ian Bramble, Vice President: Nick Morman, Secretary: Katherine Werner, Treasurer: Mason Harris, Historian: Megan Peregrino, and Chaplain: Paige Hooper. **New Literacy Library** is open for business. After months of hard work from a great volunteer team, St. Anne opens the new Literacy Library in the primary building. Nearly 800 titles for reading levels Pre-K through sixth grade are available for teachers to check-out and use in the classroom for small group instruction. "We have a great resource available to our teachers and students. We are so excited to use this library to increase reading opportunities for every type of reader," reported Lauren Smith, Dean of Elementary Curriculum and Discipline.



Calendar:

Tue., May 18

Principals' Meeting
HOST: Msgr. Kelly H.S.
9:00-2:00pm

Thu., May 20

Diocesan School Board
Meeting 11:30-1:30
CPC Conference Room

Friday, May 21

MKCHS Baccalaureate
Mass St. Anthony
Cathedral Basilica 7pm

Sat., May 22

MKCHS Graduation
Beaumont Civic Center
4:00pm

Thu., May 27

Last Day of Classes
ALL SCHOOLS

Friday, May 28

Teacher Workday
Student Holiday
ALL SCHOOLS

Mon., May 31

Memorial Day Holiday
Pastoral Center Closed

June 4-5

Diocesan Liturgical
Conference - St. Jude
Family Life Center

Tue., June 29

PGC 6:00-9:00pm
CPC Conference Room

Student Accolades



Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School The Kindergarten, First and Second grade classes performed songs about praying in sign language during Sunday Mass at OMOM Church. Our Girl Scouts have had 2 meetings so far and are doing very well with their Fall Candy Sale. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes performed "The Creation" for our first PTO meeting. It was a huge hit and turnout was incredible. Students are actively involved in tutorial, and have already worked on several science projects, including weather, cell structure and scale models of Indian habitats. We have implemented new computer programs for all students: "Study Island" and "Ticket to Read". The PK-3 class has begun working with "My child can Read" with huge success. All of our Wednesday school Masses are now performed in Latin with sign language.



St. Mary Catholic School The middle school students of St. Mary Catholic School participated in the "See you at the Pole" prayer service before school on September 23, 2009. The Student Council president, Jace Robertson conducted the prayer service. The students received a commemorative "See you at the Pole" wrist band. Sr. Sharon Steglich celebrated 50 years with the Dominican Sisters. She was honored at St. Mary Catholic Church's Mass on September 12th. A reception held in her honor followed the Mass.



St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School Duke TIP Congratulations to the 2009 – 2010 St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School students who were selected to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. They are: Quentin Bartkowiak, Sean Benge, Alice Brook, and Margaret Coker. The Duke Talent Identification Program is currently in its 30th year and is the largest program of its kind in the nation. The 7th grade talent search identifies academically qualified students based on standardized test scores achieved. Candidates are then invited to take the SAT or ACT during their 7th grade year along with high school students. They are recognized for their scores, and are given the opportunity to continue to advance academically



with resources offered by Duke TIP. We are truly proud of our students. 9-11 Remembrance The 8th grade students at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School organized a remembrance for the tragedy of 9-11. The student body prayed for police officers, fire fighters, and all of those who protect us. The service began with a flag ceremony led by the 8th grade boy scouts. Commissioner Bo Alfred gave the students a very inspiring speech about thanking and being appreciative of those who serve our community. Students received the names of local fire fighters and are planning to make thank you cards for all of their hard work.



Grant Due Dates:

Abell-Hanger Found.
None www.abell-hanger.org

Alkek Foundation
None www.alkek.org

Brackenridge Found.
None

Bridgestone Firestone
None
www.bridgestone-firestone.com

Burkitt Foundation
Feb. 1 & Aug. 1

Cora Foundation
None
www.corafoundation.org

Crowell Trust **None**
<http://www.crowelltrust.org/>

Daughtry Foundation
March 1 & Sept. 1

DeVos Foundation
None suev@rdvcorp.com

Frankino Foundation
January 1, Annually

Lewis Foundation
None

Meadows Foundation
None

Pocono Foundation
None

Raskob Foundation
Dec. 8 & June 8

Rogers Foundation TX
Oct. 1, Annually

Watson Foundation
None

Contact Christine for more information on the above listed grants.
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DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Grant Writing Tips

You will find hints that will help you as you begin to write your grant proposals located at <http://www.schoolgrants.org/tips.htm>.

NCEA/Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships for Teachers of Children With Special Needs

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to teachers who are pursuing advanced studies in special needs education. The teachers must promise to share the knowledge they acquired in their courses with the other teachers in the school and they must promise to remain at the school for at least one year following receipt of the scholarship. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas provide the funding for this project. [[2009 Application Form](#)]

For more information and the next application period, email nceaelem@ncea.org

NCEA Social Justice Education Grants

Grants of up to \$750 are available for teachers in a Catholic elementary or secondary school and membership in NCEA who are interested in promoting social justice education. Proposals must address one of the themes of Catholic social teaching. [[2009 Application Form](#)]

For more information and the next application period, email nceaelem@ncea.org

Toyota Motor Company Education Programs

You know how a child's face lights up when things finally make sense? Well, Toyota's goal is to electrify the minds of people all ages through our support of education programs. Our partnerships with national nonprofit organizations include programs that address issues such as family literacy, K-12th grade education, technical and higher education as well as environmental education.

[[More Information](#)]

Secondary School Oriented Opportunities

Toyota Motor Sales, Inc.

Toyota has announced a **fully funded** professional development program for secondary school teachers to locations around the world. This year, the program was opened to teachers nationwide. The program is online at www.iie.org/toyota. You can use this site to find out complete details, get a timeline, and access the official application.