

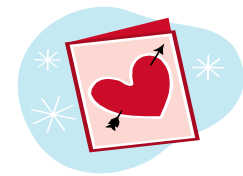
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Gentle Reminders:

- Be sure to submit monthly financials and council minutes to Superintendent's office
- Principal Meeting March 6th, 10:30 a.m. @ OLF, Monroe

Happy Valentines Day!



Diocese of Shreveport Superintendent's Bulletin

Boards Get Brains, Chalk Vanishes!

Students in the Catholic Schools may never know the painful sound of fingernails scratching on a chalkboard. That's because the dust-covered board that normally would be the focus of their classroom has been replaced by a giant, touch-sensitive computer screen.

In the Catholic Schools, chalkboards are being ditched in favor of interactive computer-driven whiteboards that allow students and teachers to share assignments, surf the web and edit video using their fingers as pens.

"It is a must-have technology," said Sr. Carol Shively, OSU Superintendent of Catholic Schools. "My dream school would have 7-foot –diagonal, in-wall units in every classroom. That, however, requires a lot of funds.

During a recent teacher in-service at Loyola College Prep, the Smartboard was used to display a wide range of learning materials on the computer, from web pages to video clips.

"It helps kids build the big picture and learn the meaning of almost anything. If a kid wants to research boats they can do a PowerPoint presentation, a Word document or they can do a movie or slide show to show to the whole class."

The students have Game Boys, Xboxes and all these fun interactive things outside of the classroom. The Smart Board matches the experience that the kids are having out of the classroom.

Blackboards date back to the 1800s, but interactive whiteboards let teachers work through computer-savvy lessons impossible to do with chalk. Instead of chalk, students and teachers use their fingers or inkless pens to write and draw onscreen, or a substitute mouse cursor to control a connected computer. The real virtue of the interactive whiteboard is in showing students how to use the computer. And because the system works like a computer, most teachers have little problem picking it up right away and using it to teach their students.



Calendar of Events

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Msgr. @ OLF</i>	14	15	16
17	18 <i>No School Shreveport</i>	19	20 <i>Msgr. @ LCP</i>	21 <i>SOY Judging Catholic Center</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Msgr. @ SFHS</i>	26	27 <i>Msgr. @ SJB</i>	28	29	

- 📅 **February 6** Ash Wednesday
- 📅 **February 13** Msgr. @ OLF, 9:00 a.m.
- 📅 **February 18** Presidents' Day
No School, Shreveport
- 📅 **February 20** Msgr. @ LCP
Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- 📅 **February 21** Student of the
Year Judging, 10:00 a.m. CC
- 📅 **February 25** Msgr. @ SFHS
Mass, 1:00 p.m.
- 📅 **February 27** Msgr. @ SJB
Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Mission of the Catholic Schools Office

Drawing on the spirit of the mission of the Diocese of Shreveport to praise God and to proclaim and teach Jesus Christ, the Office of Catholic Schools seeks to provide services and direction to pastors, principals, and teachers, and other school leaders so that the vision of Catholic education in the Diocese of Shreveport can be realized.

Registration Underway

Catholic Schools are now registering for the 08-09 school term. Our enrollment this year is near 1900 students; our goal is to pass the 2000 mark again. The schools are simply raising the bar on education excellence.

- Catholic Schools acknowledge that parents are primary
- Catholic Schools are different where it counts
- Catholic Schools emphasize what matters in school

Why should parents choose our schools? Look around; ask around; come around, and you'll see that there is no one answer. In fact, there really is no question!



Calendar for 2008-2009



The calendar has been set for Monroe Catholic Schools. First day of school is August 13th, full day!

Shreveport Catholic Schools will begin on August 13th.

Catholic Connection

Be sure and look at the February Connection and see how Catholic Schools lead the pact! Nice pictures of students and faculties at the schools. Keep those pictures coming and be sure to send a little explanation of each event and name the students in the pictures.

School Council Notes....



WEBINARS—Board Leadership Training Courses Online REGISTER ONLINE AT ncea.org

A series of online courses empowers leaders of Catholic education boards, councils, and commissions with tools and information that will enable them to grow in effectiveness.

All you need is a computer and internet connection to go online and participate at any time of day that is convenient for you during the 3-week course.

Courses are developed by NCEA Department of Boards and Councils of Catholic Education in partnership with the University of Dayton, and hosted by the University's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

Who will benefit:

- Chairpersons
- Vice Chairpersons
- Officers
- Board members
- Committee chairs
- Principals
- Pastors
- Superintendents
- Assistant Superintendents
- Any administrator who works with boards

Raise your board's effectiveness a notch:

- Each course is 3-weeks duration
- Each course is on a specific topic. Topics and dates are listed on the registration form.
- Moderated by experienced leaders.
- Select any course(s) you want in any order. Each stands alone.
- All required readings and materials are provided online.
- Submit assignments, post messages on class discussion boards, and interact with moderators—all online.
- Some participants have formed relationships with classmates in other parts of the country.