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Superintendent's Bulletin

Gentle Reminders:

- Remember to submit monthly financial statements and Council meeting minutes to the Catholic Schools Office.
- Fall Forms are available on the web...www.nlacs.org. Be sure to have them prepared in time for your September 13th meeting with Sr. Carol.

September 2007

Back to School Convocation 2007

Dr. Sandra Kennedy, national religion consultant for Sadlier Book Company, presented an all inspiring keynote entitled, "The Ministry and Vocation of the Catholic School Teacher", Thursday, August 9th at the Catholic Center. Dr. Kennedy encouraged them to remember and to become aware of the important roles they play in sustaining and continuing to build the identity of Catholic schools. Following the keynote, the teachers were able to attend 30 breakout sessions in the area of math strategies; bullying in the classrooms; technology; mimio boards and risk assessment.



General Assembly at Convocation



*Dr. Sandra Kennedy
Keynote Speaker*



Sr. Stephanie Langston of OLBSA

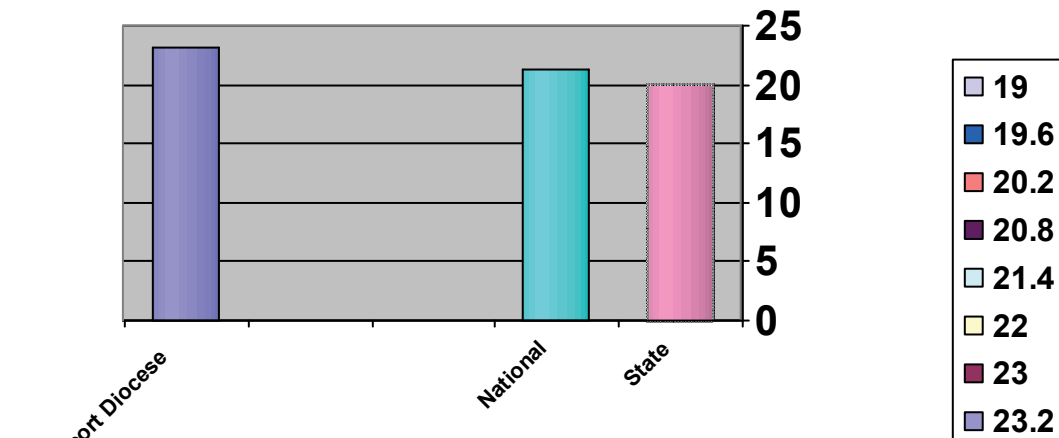


Emily Paul and Precious Fuller leading prayer services

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Class of 2007 ACT Scores



Students at Loyola College Prep and St. Frederick High School took the ACT and earned an average composite score of 23.2. This exceeds both state and national averages. It's a result of hard work from our students, faculty and parents supporting our Catholic schools.

School Council Corner

Planning for Unity...

School Councils do not “come together” naturally. A good council member is not born that way. Hard work and a realization that all of us are continually learning helps. Each month time ought to be set aside for the Council to develop skills to better function as a group. The following may be discussed as a starting point:

1. **Pace the work:** overbooking an agenda and working to past 11:00 p.m. is not a smart idea. Be realistic in the short and long range goals. Allow only so many major items on the agenda and give each item the required time. See the agenda through to completion even when it will be carried over to several meetings. Use committees to gather information for the Council.
2. **Entice the Council:** schedule special social events for Council members only; Council and staff; Council and community/church leaders. Hold special seminars just for the Council and pay the expenses for a budgeted professional development line item. Treat the Council to a special gift at Christmas. Let them know they are appreciated.
3. **Confront each other:** pay attention to what is being said. Clarify discussion you do not understand. Correct wrong information. Honor deadlines and don't dismiss it when someone fails to carry out their assignment. We depend on each other.
4. **Nudge each other:** Challenge each other to greatness. Maintain high expectations and remind each other of approaching deadlines.
5. **Support each other:** encourage the effort of others. To get support you need to give support. Above all never “blame” the Pastor or Principal. Accept the responsibility of a Council member and recognize the Pastor is in charge of the total operation. The place for criticism is in the executive session, or at an in-service program. United we stand, divided we fall.

Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ, will be here in October. Please mark your calendars for October 17th at St. Frederick High School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sr. Carol will be at the Catholic Center on October 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

Session I: A Primer on the Roles and Responsibility of a Council Member
Session II: The Council's Role in Strategic Planning

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.

Schedule of Events

- ✚ Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday
- ✚ Sept. 7 Tuition Assist. Disbursement
- ✚ Sept. 13 Principals' Meeting @ SJS
- ✚ Sept. 14 Vocations Assembly @ SJB
- ✚ Sept. 20 Msgr. Provenza Mass at SFHS, 1:00 p.m.
- ✚ Sept. 22-23 2nd Collection for Bishop's Scholarship
- ✚ Sept. 24 Msgr. Provenza Mass at OLBSA, 2:00 p.m.
- ✚ Sept. 25 Msgr. Provenza Mass at SJB, 7:45 a.m.
- ✚ Sept. 26-28 Sr. Carol in Baton Rouge
- ✚ Sept. 28 CEC Board Meeting

Upcoming Events

October 11 Principals' Meeting @ SFHS

October 17 School Council In-service, Monroe

October 18 School Council In-service, Shreveport

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>No school</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Tuition Assistance Disbursement</i>	8
9	10	11	12	13 <i>Principals' Meeting</i>	14 <i>Vocations Assembly</i>	15
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Msgr. Provenza Mass at SFHS 1:00</i>	21	22 2nd Coll.
23 2nd Coll.	24 <i>Msgr. Provenza Mass at OLBSA 2:00</i>	25 <i>Msgr. Provenza Mass at SJB 7:45</i>	26	27	28 <i>CEC Mtg.</i>	29 <i>Sr. Carol in Baton Rouge</i>
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First Week Enrollment 2007-2008

Each and every day, more students are enrolling for the 2007-2008 school year. As of August 31st the following is the preliminary enrollment:

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT
Blessed Sacrament Academy, Shreveport	102
St. John Berchmans, Shreveport	220
St. Joseph School, Shreveport	420
Loyola College Prep, Shreveport	380
Jesus the Good Shepherd School, Monroe	319
Our Lady of Fatima School, Monroe	161
St. Frederick High School, Monroe	267
TOTAL	1869

