"All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers". In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home.
"Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace"
----Pope Francis,
50th World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

The Diocese of Green Bay offices will be

Closed on
Monday, January 16, 2017

for the observed birthday of:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Index of Catholic Schools Update Topics

Did you forget in what issue you read something? Instead of searching all of them, click here to access an index of topics.

Catholic School Week

Bishop Ricken's letter for Catholic Schools Week is found here. Also here is Governor Walker's Proclamation.

Principal Responsibilities

Click here.

Announcing New Grant Round and Special Events!

The Meemic Foundation

Be a champion for our schools! Whether it's your child's school, a former school you attended or a local school in need, you have an opportunity to show your support by nominating a school for a $500 grant they can use exclusively at Office Depot, Inc.

The nomination process is easy. Simply identify the school and tell us why this school is being nominated. That's it! Applications are due by March 31, 2017, with winners announced by May 1. The grant must be used at Office Depot, Inc., by September 30.

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INNOVATION IN YOUR CLASSROOM: Active Learning Center Grant

We have a passion for understanding how learning takes place and how smarter, active learning spaces can help.

Steelcase Education invites potential Active Learning Center Grant applicants to apply- Open through February 10, 2017 APPLY NOW!

Diocesan Library Media Association - DLMA Meeting

Mark your calendar February 23, 4:30-6:00, Bona Hall, Education Conference Room. Topic: Overview of BadgerLink and resources.

Addition to 2017-2018 Calendar for all Administrators

Please add September 22, 2017 to your calendar as expected attendance at the Meitler Summit (all day); details to come.

VIRTUS REMINDER:

This is a good time of the year to provide another Safe Environment lesson with children. We have some new resources for VIRTUS with Children.

Please remind all staff to stay up-to-date with the monthly

Nominate a school today. For more details and to submit an application, click here:
MeemicFoundation.org/ForOurSchools

Early Childhood Conference at Silver Lake College

St. Clare Catholic School is hosting an Early Childhood Conference on March 17, 2017 at Silver Lake College. Registration Information can be found on St. Clare School's website . Registration has opened and early bird registration ends on January 31st! Any questions can be directed to Abby Linwood or 920-532-4833.

Movie Licensing

Movie Licensing USA has again offered CESA 7 a group buy opportunity. If you show movies to groups of students for fun nights you need a license to be compliant. Some of our schools and parishes share the cost of the license. Please see the attachments and the chart for the discounted prices, and respond by February 10 to Margie Thomas. If you already have a Movie License that is expiring contact Margie Thomas and she will email you the renewal costs for your school or schools. This is the link to the most recent newsletter.

Inservice Opportunities

African Heritage Student Leadership Academy:
Open to all the black students in our high schools and colleges, as well as teachers and administrators of any race in the African Heritage Student Leadership Academy. The academy takes place on February 16, in Kimberly. Here is the link to the website. The training helps teachers and administrators to know how words and images are heard/seen from the perspective of a person of color.

Ongoing Formation Class in 2017:
Integrating Science and Christianity

Integrating Science and Christianity is a course to assist in understanding and teaching the fullness of both science and Christianity. Our pursuit of truth will bring together both the objective truths of nature discovered by science and the spiritual truths taught by Jesus. Topics include: problems with making science a religion; limits of science, physics, cosmology, evolution; human

VIRTUS bulletins. You might offer some inservice time "to catch up", if needed.

Sophia Institute:

The Sophia Institute will be held at the diocesan campus on June 14 and 15, free of charge. These days can be used for the on-going course for religion certification. Watch for details and registration.

Buy or sell teaching supplies

Interested in a way for educators to buy and sell no longer needed teaching supplies? Check out Hoot of Loot. If you have some unused teaching supplies, please list them on https://hootofloot.com

Joy of the Gospel Lesson Plans

Check this link for January lesson plans for week-end Gospels: Joy of the Gospel activities

It's Tax Time!

Tax Day is coming up on April 18, 2017. Don't forget to claim your private school tuition tax deduction! Please read more information from WCRIS.

Twitter Chat

Join in a Twitter chat with other principals #DGBCathSch Friday mornings 10:00.

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origin; purpose; beauty; and errors arguing for a conflict between science and Christianity. The instructor, Warren Johnson, has a PhD in Biochemistry and many years experience teaching university science courses. The textbook for this course is: Baglow, Christopher T., *Faith Science & Reason*, Midwest Theological Forum, Woodridge, IL, 2012.

The course is conducted over five, 2-hour sessions, and Dr. Johnson is willing to come to your location at no cost to lead the course.

Ask Questions/Request Dates

Note: Another option is to host an abbreviated, single 1-hour presentation (plus 30 minutes for questions) of *Science & Christianity*. No books or handouts required. Suitable for students in grades 6 and up as well as adults. Use button above to ask about scheduling this option.

Conscious Discipline workshop:

Most Precious Blood School, New London, is hosting a Conscious Discipline workshop on January 20th from 8 am to 3 pm. Diane Patterson, who is a certified Conscious Discipline trainer and a recently retired special education teacher, will be our presenter. You can check out more information at these links
http://consciousdiscipline.com/
Facebook Connected Discipline

Speak Up Survey

Good news - you now have until Friday, January 27 to participate in Speak Up!

We heard from several schools and districts last week asking for more time to collect surveys after the always busy holiday season. We want to be sure that you have enough time to meet your survey goals and are happy to extend the survey period through the end of the month! If you would like to collect some data about technology use from staff, students and parents, this is a free resource in which you receive valuable information for decision making.

Meitler Project

Pastors, Board members, principals are invited to Key Findings presentations by Meitler consultants on **Wednesday, February 15,** Holy Spirit School, Kimberly/Darboy, 6:30-8:30pm or Thursday, **February 16**, St. Bernard School, Green Bay, 3-5pm. Mark your calendar for one of the dates.

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