

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**6th Annual**  
**Catholic School Gathering**  
**November 12, 2006**  
**NPS Conf. - 11/13 & 14th**

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CSAANYS and the NYS Council of Catholic School Superintendents would like to congratulate the winners of the door prizes that were given out at the 5th Annual Catholic School Administrators Gathering, November 13th.

Don't miss next year's gathering!!!

Anne Marie Bartone - St. Ephrem Elementary, Brooklyn  
Barbara Heaney - Archdiocese of NY Catholic Office  
Sr. Mary Dowden - O L of Peace Elementary, Lynbrook  
Mr. James Flanagan - St. Saviour Elementary, Brooklyn  
Gail Graham - Immaculate Heart Elementary, Watertown  
Sr. Kathleen Carlin - St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary, RVC  
Susan Holland - Sacred Heart Elementary, Troy

**CONGRATS!!!!**

(Check the website for pictures)

#### **CSAANYS OFFERS A NEW WORKSHOP**

**8 Steps to Improvement: Using Student Data and Adjusting Instruction** - Also don't forget to purchase the Homework brochure for your parents.

#### **REMINDER:**

The NYS Fire Safety Report is now due. If you have not received your report, please call CSAANYS for a copy or have not scheduled your inspection, please call your fire inspector ASAP.

**E-Rate** - The Eligible Services List provides guidance on the eligibility of products and services for which applicants may be seeking E-rate discounts. The list can be found at: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/eligible.asp>

#### **Education Tax Credits: Advocacy Update**

*by Jim Cultrara, NYS Catholic Conference*

The Education Tax Credit postcard campaign is well under way and with more than 100,000 cards already returned - and more arriving on a daily basis. Our counterparts in the Jewish and Christian schools are formulating plans for their own postcard campaigns to advance tax credits. Thanks to your efforts, we can safely anticipate adding more than 100,000 individuals to the Catholic Advocacy Network. Extra postcards are available is anyone needs more. Contact me at: [jcultrara@nyscatholic.org](mailto:jcultrara@nyscatholic.org).

Senator Marty Golden and Assemblyman Veto Lopez, prime sponsors of the Education Tax Credit legislation, spoke at the recent Conference of Administrators of Independent and Religious Schools in



Albany as well as at two separate tax credit rallies in the Diocese of Brooklyn. At each occasion, the sponsors acknowledged the enormous opposition to parental choice, but stressed that with increased and sustained pressure on legislators, that opposition can be overcome. Messrs. Golden and Lopez emphasized the need to "Pull out all the stops" this particular year and urged as many parents as possible to participate in an "Education Lobby Day" in Albany, which is scheduled for February 14, 2006.

Stay tuned for more details on our advocacy strategy - and thanks for your continued work and commitment to Catholic education.



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**LOBBY DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2006**  
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**\*\* Bring Students & Parents to show support \*\***