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STATE ED...OF VAULTS & VALUES

by Sister Mary Anne Brawley, DC



May was a month of numerous contacts with the State Education Department. On the downside we've had headaches over the storage of the June regents examinations. Through telephone calls the Division of Educational Testing has been informing Catholic secondary schools across the state that unless they have a State Education Department inspected vault within their own building they must make daily trips from June 15 to June 21 to the nearest "approved storage location" to pick up the regents examinations for that day. We advise all schools so inconvenienced to register complaints with the State Education Department immediately following this regents week. In addition, we think it advisable to calculate the time involved in this daily pick-up for future reference.

On the upside, Commissioner Sobol presented to the Board of Regents a memo entitled "Top-Down Support for Bottom-Up Reform" on the subject of improving education results in the 1990's. In an unheard of move, the Commissioner's proposals include vouchers to permit children in de-registered public schools to attend nonpublic schools. We suggest that you write to the Commissioner supporting this position. We feel certain that the large public school teachers unions will fight this part of the proposal. Remember that this is a narrowly defined program which would affect children in the state's worst-performing public schools. If, indeed, the threat of vouchers will work to improve these public schools then the real winners will be the children - and that's what all good education is about - CHILDREN.

Thank you in advance for your attention on these two concerns. We hope that summer brings you the rest and relaxation you need and deserve.

CSAANYS RECEIVES MCGIVNEY GRANT

Entitled Parent/Partners, this \$5,000 grant will enable CSAANYS to provide 8 workshops around the state in order to train interested parents to participate in the school's recruitment efforts actively. Each 3-hour workshop will acquaint participants with proven methods and will allow school teams to begin an action plan. The workshops will be open to interested priests, principal & parents.

The CSAANYS directors met with all Superintendents on May 2 to acquaint them with the project. Each superintendent (or his/her designee) will plan the local workshop date and place with CSAANYS. As of this writing, we have heard from two superintendents.

The Albany workshop will be Saturday, October 27 at Siena College. The Buffalo workshop will be October 23&24 places to be announced. Details will be sent to superintendents and to principals.



MOVING ON?

Do your successor a big favor; renew her/his CSAANYS membership now. With all the paperwork and other work that comes with a new job, that CSAANYS membership form may (heaven forbid!) get misplaced. Use the enclosed form to renew so that your school (and your successor) won't lose a minute of CSAANYS services.

P.S. In an effort to standardize the CSAANYS membership renewal "window", we're asking that you renew between now and October 31.

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While there were no increases in textbook aid, library loan aid or software aid, the NYS budget does contain an \$8 million asbestos aid program for nonpublic schools. While the original proposal was \$9 million for non-publics, we feel that the \$8 million final package will substantially help our asbestos abatement effort. Regulations concerning the disbursement of this money to our schools over the course of the next year will be forthcoming.

This year's budget was the latest ever, and contains the lowest overall education aid increase in more than 10 years. Nevertheless, the asbestos allocation to our schools was made, due chiefly to the grassroots effort on the part of parents, principals and those involved in the State Coordinating Committee. We thank you for responding to our call for letters, phone calls and local visits to legislators. We look forward to next year's effort.

TRANSPORTATION

CSAANYS received numerous calls this past Spring concerning the April 1 deadline for transportation requests. Unless the student is just moving into the district, any request made after April 1 is, has been and will be summarily denied. The districts are very strict and very adamant about this.

The responsibility for getting request forms to parents in a timely matter rests not with the public school district, but with the nonpublic school administrator. Please make sure that every district is contacted early enough so that you may facilitate the distribution of requests if that is the method that is to be used. Otherwise, contact your students' parents to make sure that they obtain and return the forms prior to the April 1 deadline. After that there is no power in heaven or on earth that can move the school district to provide transportation. CSAANYS will send you a reminder before Spring, 1991.

Since our fee schedule is now standardized (\$50. + .20/mile for members, \$150. + .20/mile for non-members) we thought it well if you know when Sister Carol will in your area giving workshops. We would suggest that, perhaps, you might wish to combine your faculty with those of other schools to have combined faculty workshops.

September 3-7:
Staten Island
Brooklyn
Bedford

September 10-14:
Watertown
Messina
Albany

September 12-21:
Hamburg
Lockport
Kenmore
Niagara Falls

September 24-28:
Rochester
Plattsburgh
Manhattan



MORE ON THE BUDGET...

Due to budgetary constraints, the NYS legislature has resorted to some creative financing that will affect our schools. Although mandated services monies are included in the budget, only 70% of those funds are budgeted to be paid out prior to April 1, 1991. Therefore, we would encourage our administrators to submit their mandated services form as soon as possible after it arrives. In previous issues of our newsletter we've suggested that administrators figure in their expenses for mandated services during the summer months so as to have them ready when the forms come from Albany.

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mary's Academy Elementary School in Hoosick Falls has an opening for principal. Contact: Search Committee, 67 Main St., PO Box 343, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

*A Summer Blessing
by Gwen Costello*

Go now, children, and know that the Spirit of Jesus will be watching over you.

Go now and enjoy God's summer gifts of warm sun, cooling waters, and long, light days.

Go now, children, with the gift of faith, that you might see God's hand in all your work and play.

Go now with the gift of hope, that you may know God's guidance, which is keeping you safe.

Go now with the gift of love, that you might offer love and care to all you meet.

Go now with the gift of knowledge, remembering all that you have learned. With God's help, live it.

Go now, children, with these words of Jesus in your hearts: "I will not leave you alone; I am with you always."