

A CHANGE IN MANDATED REPORTER LAW

In October 2007, the Mandated Reporter Law changed. Under the updated law, the school administrator MAY NOT make the call to the hotline at the request of a teacher or other school personnel. The school employee who suspects the abuse or maltreatment must make the call themselves. This has been changed because of problems with second or third hand information being reported. After the call has been made the person making the call must notify the person in charge of the school, or designated agent (in some schools the nurse) that a report has been made. Form LDSS-2221A should be immediately completed by the person making the report and the person in charge of the school (this form is available at <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/Forms/cps/LDSS-2221A%20Report%20of%20Suspected%20Child%20Abuse%20%20Maltreatment.pdf> or in the News, Member of our website.)

School personnel are only required to act in their school related function. Teachers, administrators, grocery store, movie theater or park. Mandated and the source of the report is always confidential unless the case is moved to criminal court. There are penalties for failure to act including being charged with a Class A misdemeanor and being subject to a civil suit. CSAANYS is pursuing training to deliver Mandated Reporter Training workshops, which will include the legal framework of the NYS Child Protective System, common definitions of child abuse and maltreatment, and how to identify physical and behavioral indicators associated with abuse and maltreatment. Participants will also learn how to complete reporting requirements to fulfill their professional legal mandate. Certified teachers in our schools received this training as part of their certification program, but as with everything, a refresher course is never a bad thing. Carol is taking the training in early May. Please feel free to call to schedule a refresher workshop for your faculty.



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INFORMATION FOR ADMINISTRATORS!

2009 Teacher of the Year

Application: The 2009 New York State Teacher of the Year Award is now available online at: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/TEACHING/toty/2009teacheroftheyearapplication.html>. or go to www.csaanys.org in the members only section.

Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science:

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST) identifies outstanding teachers in math and science at the national level. Nominees must submit their applications by

May 1, 2008 to be considered.

Go to: [math-http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/mst/inform/presaward.htm](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/mst/inform/presaward.htm) and for science - <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai9/mst/science/presawardsci.htm>

The Knowledge Gap: examines why administrators need to understand technology and know enough to articulate and create a vision for their school to prepare students for 21st century jobs. Go to: <http://www.edweek.org/dd/articles/2008/01/23/3leadership.h01.html>

Websites for Science Teachers: YouTube-like websites are

bringing science into the classroom. Check: www.scivee.tv, www.labaction.com, www.jove.com and www.dnatube.com

Do you want a chance to win 21st century classrooms?: Go to <http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com>, type in your zip code, select your school and register to win. You can put your name in every day for a great chance to win.

CDW-G and Discovery Education give educators a chance to win technology through the companies' Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes. The value is more than \$50,000!

Deadline is May 1st. How about delegating this to a "senior" student or teacher to log on each day and enter the school in the sweepstakes.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

As the school year progresses through the winter and into spring thoughts of budget development swirls through principals' brains. This time of year can bring feelings of anxiety, denial, trepidation and satisfaction. As you begin gathering the data for the 2008-2009 budget you are also gathering the information to produce an annual or state of the school report. In this age of accountability it is important to report to the stakeholders on the status of the school. Not only should the financial status be reported, but also recognize the achievements of the faculty, staff and students. The key components of the annual report are:

- Messages from the Pastor (or diocesan representative), and the Principal;
- Recognition of faculty, staff and students;
- Development office report – include information about wish list items that were fulfilled, grants, annual fund, capital campaign, and large fundraising efforts;
- Special events – pictures are great for this aspect, show off what faculty and students are doing, include service projects, art shows, learning fairs, etc;
- Academic success – NYS testing achievements, Regents and AP achievements, College acceptances, also include unique projects and programs students are involved in;
- Financial Report – this is the opportunity for the school to highlight actual income and expenses, and the actual per pupil cost of educating students. This is where you can use your Excel skills to create pie charts or graphs to give a pictorial representation of the school finances. A budget for the coming year should be included in this section as well.

The annual report should be prepared for distribution in August, though this depends on the fiscal year of the school. Consider how you want to distribute the annual report. Electronic means will reach stakeholders the quickest and at little or no cost. The annual report should also be posted on the school and parish web sites. A few reports should be published in a multi-page, 8 ½ x 11 format that includes color pictures, and attractive covers. The published reports can be given to potential families, included in marketing materials, and used when soliciting large donations