

A tip of the CSAANYS Coif...

> CSAANYS congratulates the Catherine McAuley High School for their September opening of the first urban boarding school in New York City.

> Congratulations to principal Luke Nawrocki of St. Joseph's School, Queens for being named "Catholic Schools for Tomorrow" by NCEA from Innovations in Technology.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education is a focus of concern for all educators. The State Education Dept. has notified us of amendments to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education related to providing copies of IEPs. They include:

1. Each regular education teacher, special ed. teacher, related service provider, and/or other service provider who is responsible for the implementation of a student's IEP is to be provided with a paper or electronic copy of the IEP prior to the implementation of it.
2. Each paraprofessional and any other provider responsible for assisting in the implementation of a student's IEP is to have the opportunity to review a copy of the student's IEP, prior to implementation, and is to have ongoing access to a copy of the IEP, which may be the copy provided to the other teachers under whose direction the paraprofessional works.
3. All involved in the implementation of the IEP must be informed prior to the implementation of the IEP of his/her responsibilities to provide special accommodations, program modifications, supports and/or services for the student in accordance with the IEP.
4. Any copy of a student's IEP provided shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone.
5. The student's parents are to be provided with a copy of the IEP at no cost.

Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to the Special Education Policy Unit at (518) 473-2878.

HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER VACATION

Summertime and the livin' is ...well never easy for administrators. But summer plans should include not only R&R, but I&I: Information & Input. Here are some suggestions:

- > The Institute in Catholic Identity at Manhattan College presents "Called to Be Authentic: Keeping the Promise of Catholic Education", June 23-27. Check it out at: <http://www.manhattan.edu/~kushner/ICI/2003>
- > The University of Rochester presents "Touching Hearts, Changing Lives" July 7-8, with presentations by Michael Garanzini and Ginny Shimabukaru. Call 585-275-7833.
- > Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education (SPICE), a project of NCEA, presents "Meeting the Needs of Students at Risk" at Boston College June 28-30. Call Regina Haney at 202-337-6232

SOCIAL STUDIES COMPONENT RETESTING

The State Education Department has postponed implementation of the social studies component-retesting program for at least one year. They had anticipated providing component retests in Global History and Geography and US History and Government beginning in May 2003, but serious cost and production constraints have made that impossible. The Department will provide component retests for these two Regents examinations as soon as circumstances permit. Regional turnkey scorer training will be conducted prior to the first administration of the social studies component retests. Any seniors (or other students) who failed the January 2003 Regents examinations in Global History and Geography and/or US History and Government should continue to receive academic intervention services in preparation for the appropriate June 2003 social studies Regents examination (s). For additional information, contact the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5902.

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2003

As a result of an amendment to Public Health Law, Section 2164, children entering kindergarten, pre-school, or day care in New York State this fall will be required to provide evidence of varicella (chicken pox) immunization. The routine vaccination schedule is one dose of varicella vaccine administered between the ages of 12-18 months. A single dose of varicella vaccine can be given to all children over the age of 18 months who are entering kindergarten, pre-school, or day care if they were not immunized between 12 and 18 months.

The new school entry requirement will affect children born on or after January 1, 1998 who are entering kindergarten in September 2003, and children born on or after January 1, 2000 who are at least one year of age and who are enrolled in any pre-school, day care agency, day nursery, private or parochial child caring center or nursery school.

Exemptions from this requirement include the following:

- > History of varicella disease as documented by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State.
- > A sincere and genuine religious belief. Secular and/or scientific principles, including philosophical exemptions, are not allowed as a substitution for religious exemptions.
- > Serologic evidence of immunity to varicella,

Parental recall of varicella disease history is insufficient and will not be accepted as evidence of immunity. For additional information, contact the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2003

The Student Support Services Team (formerly Comprehensive Health and Pupil Services (CHAPS) are now responsible for the administration of summer school programs. Contacts for the program are Linda Woodward and Ted Wolfstich at 518-486-6090.

The revised 2003 Handbook for Summer School will soon be available.