

The Catholic School Administrator's Gathering will be Sunday, November 13, 2005 at the Marriott, Albany.

Come enjoy an afternoon and evening with administrators from around the state.

Keynote:
Rev. Ronald Nuzzi

Get your registration form in today!!!

(Registration form enclosed)



REMINDERS

Have you received your "Mercury and Schools: A Risky Combination" packet from NYSED?

DATA ANALYSIS:

Do you have the Grade 4 & 8 ELA Subskill, Item analysis & Trandcharts?

They're in a downloadable format in the members news section of our website.

REGENTS UPDATE - SPRING 2005

From The State Education Department

Graduation Standard:

- Regents preparing 4 year phase-in to raise graduation standard on Regents exams to 65, beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2005.
- 2005 cohort - 2 exams @ 65; 2006 cohort - 3 exams @ 65; 2007 cohort - 4 exams @ 65 and 2008 cohort - 5 exams @ 65.
- Regents would establish an appeals process for students scoring within 3 points of 65. Expect final approval in June 2005.

State Testing Program Update:

- The 2005-2006 elementary/intermediate testing

calendar, including field test dates has been posted on the CSAANYS website.

- This summer, the Office



of State Assessment will be providing suggestions on administration and scoring models, especially for special ed. populations.

- The Revised Mathematics Core Curriculum, with

grade-by-grade performance indicators was issued in March 2005. ELA grade-by-grade performance indicators for pre-kindergarten through high school and a literacy strand pre-kindergarten - 8 will be posted soon.

- Regents accepted the recommendations of the Mathematics Standards Committee to have a three one-year course in Math, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II and Trigonometry. A decision on the number of Regents examinations to be developed and the number needed to meet diploma requirements will be made in the next 2-3 months.

FEDERAL UPDATE

Congress has begun the process of deciding how much funding education programs will receive in fiscal year 2006. A budget proposal from the Bush administration would terminate or dramatically cut several key programs serving children in private schools.

** Title II-D (Enhancing Education through Technology),

** Title IV-A (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities),

** Title V-A (Innovative Programs).

Contact Senators Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer, as well as your local congressional representative through <http://www.capenet.org> click SAVE 2-4-5 or www.nyscatholic.org and let them know we need this money to fully implement NCLB.

NEW SOPHISTICATED CHEATING

As the end of the year exams begin, cheating takes on a whole new look...

Gone are the days of writing notes on your hand, or peering at another student's test. Today's students are much more sophisticated when it comes to cheating. Students are now using candy wrappers, MP3

players, graphing calculators, and camera phones. Mentos is the candy wrapper of choice because of its long paper label which can be unrolled, flattened and scanned.

The best and easiest way to foil a would be cheater is to have active supervision during a test. Teachers who walk

around and stay focused on the students rather than grading papers are less likely to have to deal with a cheating situations. Hopefully none of us has had to deal with this new wave of cheating. Clear policies about cheating and eliminating the opportunity should ease any potential problems.