



Superintendent's Bulletin Office of Catholic Education

The Office of Catholic Education is committed to the educational mission of the Catholic Church in the schools of the Diocese of Cleveland. Therefore, our mission is to lead, assist, and support Catholic school communities in providing quality education infused with Gospel values.

Volume 10 Issue 3 September 6, 2011 Mary's September Feasts

Although no saint is formally assigned to this date, it is good to recall that there are three distinct celebrations that honor Mary, Mother of God in September. **September 8, the Birth of Mary, September 12, the Most Holy Name of Mary, and September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows.**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The *September 8* date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. According to an apocryphal account of her birth, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3); both have the possibility of uniting people easily divided on other matters. The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September. The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words to Mary and to the beloved disciple. Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

St. Ambrose (December 7) in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed but offered herself to her persecutors.

Adapted from: *Saint of the Day*
Lives, Lessons and Feast

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Message from the Secretary for Education/Superintendent

I hope you had a good Labor Day holiday weekend. God has been good to us in so many ways not the least of which is the beautiful weather. For much of the United States, however, whether it be the relentless heat of the summer in the South, the devastation of tornadoes in the Midwest, or the recent destruction through wind, rain, and floods in the Eastern states from the Carolinas to Vermont, this has been and continues to be a trying time. Please remember them in your prayers with the students. None of us knows what this school year will bring, but we pray that we have the strength to accept and work with God's grace to make it a successful and faith-filled year for our school communities.

Marketing Minute #3

It's not too early to start thinking about Catholic Schools Week, *January 29 - February 5, 2012*. The theme for 2012 is *Catholic Schools - Faith.Academics.Service*. The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. The following is an interesting link that may give you some good ideas about artwork and Catholic Schools Week.

http://www.ehow.com/info_8035329_art-ideas-catholic-schools-week.html

Another Marketing Possibility!

Council for American Private Education (CAPE) Has a New Video

CAPE's just-released video explores why private schools are good for students. The four-minute piece extends CAPE's library of popular videos (over 33,000 total views so far) that schools and organizations can post to their own Web sites to drive interest and attract visitors. (CAPE provides clear directions on how to do that.)

Find out how religious and independent schools benefit students by fostering academic excellence and high achievement, educating the whole child within a values-based setting, and preparing youngsters not just for college and career, but for life. Go to www.capenet.org to access CAPE Outlook, the monthly newsletter. To access the video, go to www.capenet.org/videos.

New Web Site for Catechetical Sunday 2011

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' site has been overhauled. The new site for Catechetical Sunday is: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechetical-ministry/catechetical-sunday/>

OCEA Convention

DATES AND LOCATION

The 2011 Ohio Catholic Education Association (OCEA) Convention will take place Monday and Tuesday, October 3-4, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio at the Hyatt Regency and the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

REGISTRATION

Online registration for the OCEA Convention will be available at this site beginning on August 1, 2011.

The deadline for online registration for the Convention is September 23, 2011.

The registration fee remains at its 2005 rate: \$100 per person.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

September 9th is the cutoff for online hotel reservations at OCEA rates at participating hotels. Hotel reservations have come in beyond expectation. The Hyatt Regency (Convention Center Hotel) still has rooms available for persons staying Sunday night ONLY.

The link to the OCEA website with information where you can contact hotels is <http://www.ohiocathconf.org/d/ocea11/11ocea.htm>

September 11th, Tenth Anniversary Prayer Service

At the following link, you will find the prayer service along with those for the 5th and 6th anniversaries of this tragic, unprecedented event in the recent history our country. Go to: http://www.ncea.org/news/pressrelease/article.asp?article_id=346

September 11: Teaching Contemporary History for Teachers K-12

On Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4, 2011, the National Museum of American History, National September 11 Memorial & Museum, Pentagon Memorial Fund, and Flight 93 National Memorial, offered a **FREE** online conference, *September 11: Teaching Contemporary History*, for K-12 teachers. Designed to provide educators with resources and strategies for addressing the September 11 terrorist attacks, the conference included roundtable discussions with content experts and six workshop sessions. These sessions — all of which were **recorded** and are now available — highlight [resources available at each organization](#), provide [background information on September 11](#), and encourage conversations on how to document, preserve, and interpret recent history and current events.

The following resources are available in association with the September 11th online conference:

[K-12 Lessons and Activities](#)

[Timelines of Events at Each Memorial Site](#)

[FAQs from the Pentagon Memorial](#)

[9/11 Memorial and Museum FAQs](#)

[Flight 93 National Memorial FAQs](#)

[National Museum of American History FAQs](#)

[FEMA Ready Kids](#)

Cleveland Orchestra 9/11 Commemoration Concert

Sunday, September 11, 2011

5:00 pm

Public Square, Downtown Cleveland

The Cleveland Orchestra, in partnership with Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, present a patriotic concert in downtown Cleveland in remembrance of 9/11/01. Heather Gudhe, Jasmyn Shumate, Alexander Stojavljevic, and other representatives of the Maltz Museum's "*Stop The Hate*" essay contest are scheduled to appear.

Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest – Grades 7-12 – If Interested Watch the Webinar 9/12/11

Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors a multi-media arts contest for students in grades 7-9 and 10-12. Using provided materials, schools and parishes teach youth about poverty in the U.S. and Catholic teaching. Then youth create "art" of any form (painting, video, photograph, skit, song, PowerPoint, etc.) to communicate what they have learned to others. Dioceses judge entries locally, then send top entries to the national contest. The winner receives \$500 plus a matching grant for an anti-poverty organization and a trip to a national conference. Teachers, catechists, and others can learn how to participate by attending the webinar on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 4pm Eastern. Go to the USCCB Web site, click on Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the bottom of the page, at that site, click on What's New, the first listing: EVENT: Introduction to the multi-media youth arts contest Webinar. From

there click on external site, and then at the site, click on RSVP now. The arts contest will be judged in March. Details will be given at the Webinar.

Attention Mentors and Beginning Teachers Who Participated in the Resident Educator Transition Program for the 2010-2011 School Year

All the dioceses in Ohio were asked by Sr. Valerie Grondin, OSF, to participate in a survey of teachers who either mentored or were mentored last school year. Sr. Valerie is a Doctoral Candidate at The Catholic University of America and she would greatly appreciate our teachers taking part in her survey. There is a letter that includes the link to access the survey for both beginning teachers and mentors.

Access the letters at:

http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/PDF/Mentor_Teacher_Survey.pdf

and

http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/PDF/Beginning_Teacher_Survey.pdf

Please pass along the information to any of your teachers who were in the Resident Educator Transition Program. Should you have any questions, you may contact Missy Hokanson at 216.696.6525 ext. 3360.

The LPDC Fall Inservice is Quickly Approaching!

If you are a chairperson or school representative, please plan on attending one of the meetings.

There are three meetings scheduled, please plan on attending one.

- September 13th from 4-6 at Ursuline Education Center
- September 15th from 4-6 at St. Joseph Academy
- September 21st from 4-6 at St. Michael's Woodside

Please register at <http://oce-ocs.org/oce/register/index.php>

Notice For Librarians

(Or anyone in charge of your school libraries)!!!

The Northern Ohio Chapter of the Catholic Library Association celebrates its 75th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a dinner reception at Ursuline Education Center (on the Ursuline College campus), on Sunday, September 25th, at 2:00pm. Bishop Roger Gries will be the celebrant. The reception is by advance reservation only, with a deadline of September 8th. Tickets per person are \$20, which includes a catered dinner, door prizes, a free chance on a \$75 gift, and program featuring St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (aka actress Carol Starre-Kmiecik). For more information, or to send in a dinner reservation (checks payable to "NOCCLA"), please contact:

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NB: Please note that this event is on a Sunday, so that staff need not be absent from school on a scheduled day. Invitations and newsletter have been mailed during August to librarians and schools throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your assistance and support!

The U.S. Department of Education to Launch the Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Program

The U.S. Department of Education in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Council on Environmental Quality will launch the Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognition program this fall with awardees being named in the spring of 2012. The purpose of the program is to provide incentive for schools to embody energy, cost, health and environmentally sustainable learning spaces and education as they boost overall health,

productivity and academic achievement. While the criteria are not firmly established yet, it is expected that the program will run similarly to the Blue Ribbon program. Schools achieving the prestigious status of being named Green Ribbon Schools will demonstrate success in the following three pillars.

- Environmental Impact and Energy Conservation
- Healthy School Environment for Students and Faculty
- Environmentally Sustainable Education Programs

Watch for information regarding the Green Ribbon Schools recognition program to be posted on the U.S. Department of Education's website and Facebook page.

Youth Rally and Mass for Life to be held on January 23rd in Washington, D.C.

On January 23rd the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. will host the Rally and Mass for Life on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. In his August 12th letter to pastors, school administrators, youth ministers, campus ministers and theology teachers, Bishop Richard Lennon said, "The Rally and Mass for Life give testimony to our Catholic youth's devotion to the Gospel of Life and love for the Church."

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on January 23rd at the Verizon Center and the D.C. Armory. The Archdiocese of Washington requested that all Cleveland diocesan groups participating in this event reserve their tickets for this event through one diocesan office, for us, the Office of Catholic Education. ***The deadline for Cleveland Diocesan groups to order tickets was Friday, September 2, 2011.*** Once tickets are received in the diocese, they will be distributed to the groups who placed orders by the deadline. While the Archdiocese of Washington encourages participation, it cannot guarantee that there will be sufficient seating for all those requesting tickets.

More information about this important youth event can be found on the website and Facebook page for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Questions regarding ticket ordering can be referred to Patty Patterson at ppatterson@dioceseofcleveland.org or 216.696.6525 ext. 3220.

Pupil Activity Permits (High Schools)

The state requires that "before hiring any individual, whether licensed or unlicensed, to direct, supervise, or coach any program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or health and safety considerations, the hiring authority shall assure that the individual has obtained a Pupil Activity Permit issued by the State Board..." (AC3301-27-01 [C]).

Section (D) of the same rule makes clear that whether the program requires a permit (i.e., involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or health and safety considerations) is "determined by the SCHOOL."

Therefore:

1. Not every extra-curricular activity's moderator needs a permit. If the school believes the activity/program (e.g., "In the Know," chess club, etc.) doesn't meet the above definition, then no permit is needed;
2. If the activity/program requires a permit, then the individual needs up-to-date first aid/CPR as indicated on the ODE's application form;
3. OHSAA's rules trump for coaches who are under their rules. Their requirements include completion of the new "Fundamentals of Coaching" course;
4. The principal's signature on the application for a Pupil Activity Permit NO LONGER IS ACCEPTABLE. The person in the diocese who is approved by ODE to sign applications for other licenses is the person whose signature must be on the application form for a Pupil Activity Permit. In the Diocese of Cleveland, the person is the **Superintendent of Schools/official designee.**
5. The permit remains a 3-year (renewable) credential.

PlayhouseSquare® Field Trips and Professional Development

Northeast Ohio is blest with the presence of PlayhouseSquare right downtown! With a wide variety of plays, events, professional development and entertainment opportunities, teachers can enrich their curriculum while giving students a world-class experience of the arts. Schedule your class trips by September 30, 2011. If you have not received your Community Engagement & Education 2011-2012 Catalog, please call 216.348.7909 or go online to www.playhousesquare.org/educators.

In 2011-2012, live theatre presentations include *A Brown Bear, A Caterpillar and A Moon: Treasured Stories by Eric Carle; The Ugly Duckling and The Tortoise & The Hare*. For older students, there are *The Little Prince* and *Doktor Kaboom!*

The third annual International Children's Festival is May 1-5, 2012. During that week, students can see performances by international artists, create work to be showcased at the festival and participate in special festival activities.

Professional Development

1. On NEOEA Day, October 14, 2011 PlayhouseSquare sponsors *Discover PlayhouseSquare!* at the Idea Center® on PlayhouseSquare from 9 am to 1:30 pm for \$20 that includes lunch. Teachers will discover the programs that are available, see footage of past distance learning programs featuring cast and crew members from Broadway's biggest shows. They will experience a few of the performing arts – dancing, acting and improv. They can reinvigorate their writing programs through Slam U. And DISCOVER how it all connects to the core content standards. After lunch, there is a behind the scenes tour of the largest performing arts center outside of New York City.
2. *Fall for the Arts*, October 26, 2011, is the annual evening of professional development, starting with a cocktail reception followed by a series of workshops designed to integrate the arts into your curriculum for \$10 from 4 – 8 pm at the Idea Center® at PlayhouseSquare. Classroom teachers, arts specialists, administrators and teaching artists are encouraged to attend. *New this year*: Workshops are differentiated by grade cluster to better meet the needs of your students.
3. *Fair on the Square*, April 23, 2012, is Northeast Ohio's only education celebration and field trip expo for educators at the State Theatre and it's FREE! Browse through field trip and curriculum enhancement opportunities from arts and cultural organizations and network with fellow educators. There are free refreshments and prizes!

Teen Opportunities at PlayhouseSquare*

PlayhouseSquare also gathers a *Teen Advisory Council**, a small group of high school students (age 14-19) who act as the "teen voice" at the Square. Meeting approximately five times a year, these students help shape the teen programming. The first meeting takes place Sunday, September 25, 2011.

STARS* – Teens in high school (age 14-19) may choose to become a volunteer usher for one (or more) of four performance tracks. Participants must be available to attend orientation October 2, 2011.

STAR Reporters* - Each year, a select group of high school teens (ages 14-19) is chosen to review the opening nights of the KeyBank Broadway Series performance – just like the professional critics. Those interested must complete an application and submit a writing sample. STAR Reporters must be available for training October 11, 2011.

**Application required. Applications will be made available online at playhousesquare.org/teens in August 2011.*

Society for the Prevention of Violence Offerings at Kent State

Bullying! From the Playground to Classroom

10/1/2011 and 10/8/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

Managing the Classroom for Success

10/15/2011 and 10/22/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

Gangs, Guns, Drugs, and School Safety

11/5/2011 and 11/12/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

Reaching and Teaching the ADHD Child

12/3/2011 and 12/10/2011 – Saturdays

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: White Hall

For more information call SPV at 1.216.591.1876 or email spvmail@att.net. Visit the Web site at www.spvohio.org.

OHIO Fair Trade Expo 2011

Make sure to save the date for the 3rd Annual “Ohio Fair Trade Expo” scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011, at John Carroll University in University Heights, OH.

The Ohio Fair Trade Expo began in 2009 as a way to bring people from across the state together to be immersed in fair trade with national and international speakers, a fair trade marketplace, and more! This year’s Expo will include family activities, fair trade food, and music. There will also be a special program for Girl Scouts to earn a “Fair Trade Patch.”

To register for workshops, go to www.ohiofairtrade.com.

Workshops with Joe Paprocki, Author of The Catechist Toolbox

Please join the Office of Catechetical Services in welcoming a very popular and engaging national speaker and author from Loyola Press to Cleveland in September.

On *Friday, September 9, 2011* Joe Paprocki will offer a presentation for Parish Catechetical Leaders and school principals on how to help discover, embrace & proclaim the faith of their teachers & catechists in a more effective way. This workshop will be held at SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Garfield Heights, from 9:30 to 2:30. Lunch will be provided. This presentation is titled: *Being, Knowing & Doing*.

As author of *The Catechist Toolbox*, Joe Paprocki will present his workshop of the same title for catechists and Catholic School teachers and on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00

noon at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Garfield Heights. This workshop will feature a host of skills and techniques that can be used in religion classes or sessions.

Loyola Press is providing both workshops at no cost to participants.

Please check www.ocs-ocs.org/ocs for more details.

We Are Called

Please save the date for the next *We Are Called Catechetical Conference* for parish catechists, day school teachers, grades 1 through 8 and high school theology teachers. It will be held on *Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Padua High School in Parma from 8:30 to 1:00*. The conference will provide a prayer service and keynote by Bishop Lennon, a variety of catechetical workshops with hands-on materials, opportunities for faith formation and exhibitor's resources. A retreat lead by Bill Miller is an option to the workshops. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Registration will be through the Office of Catechetical Services.

January Thaw

The fourteenth annual "January Thaw: Fire Up" Conference is scheduled for *Saturday, 21 January 2012*, at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. This catechetical conference is sponsored by the Southern Area Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Cleveland in association with the Diocesan Office of Catechetical Services. Fr. Richard Fragomeni will keynote on the topic, *"What's the "This" in Remembrance of Me? Being and Doing the Eucharistic Gift."* The conference offers over 20 sessions for Parish and School Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministers, Catechists, Teachers, RCIA Teams, and interested adult Catholics, plus a 2-session retreat option.

A brochure with registration information will be available in November online at www.ocs-ocs.org/ocs and included in the *December Diocesan Memorandum*. Please note that registration is limited and will be processed on a first-come first-served basis.

For additional information, call the Southern Area Office of Catechetical Services at 330-773-7621 or contact pflaherty@dioceseofcleveland.org.

September 20 Webinar on Physician-Assisted Suicide

Bishop Lennon invites all to participate in an important webinar on Physician-Assisted Suicide sponsored by the Offices of Disability Ministry, Disability Services, and Pro Life. This is a topic that impacts all of our ministries and stands as a challenge against our belief in the dignity of every human life at every phase of life.

The webinar entitled, "Threats to the Lives of Persons with Disability: Part II: Physician-Assisted Suicide," will be presented by USCCB Pro Life and the National Partnership on Disabilities. Part I was offered in May regarding pre-natal diagnosis of disability.

This webinar will be available in our diocese at four locations: The Hispanic Senior Center at St. Augustine Towers in Cleveland, St. Julie Billiart Parish in North Ridgeville, Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, and Holy Martyrs Parish in Medina. If you cannot attend these locations, you may choose to participate on your own, or gather a small group to access the webinar. Contact Peggy Gerovac, Diocesan Pro Life Director for login information at pmgerovac@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Stock Market Game

The Stock Market Game is the tool to increase math and financial literacy scores as well as student levels of self-confidence and achievement. One game begins today, but the Fall Game begins October 10, 2011 and runs through December 16, 2011. The cost is \$20 per team.

Students will enjoy this fun and interactive online simulation that introduces them to important concepts in financial literacy and economics as well as about saving and investing. Lessons included with this game can be incorporated into all subjects, grades 4-12.

If the Stock Market Game is new to your school, there are plenty of available resources, webinars, and free teacher trainings to guide you and your students through the game.

Playing the Stock Market Game will teach students to essential skills for the 21st Century.

- Critical-Thinking
- Cooperation & Communication
- Financial Literacy
- Decision-Making
- Saving and Investing
- Math

Financial education is more important than ever. The Stock Market Game™ makes teaching and learning fun. Register teams today! For more information, visit Stock Market Games's corporate website at www.smgww.org or call Program Manager, Kimberly Moon at 1.888.4.SMGOHIO.

Touchdown for Reading 2011

To participate in the Touchdown for Reading program, 2011, google the Cuyahoga County Public Library home page

<http://host.evanced.info/cuyahoga/sr/homepage.asp?ProgramID=25&PreviewMode=Y&StyleName=e> where you can sign up. Touchdown for Reading is easy to play. Track time read 1 minute = 1 yard. If a parent reads with/to their child, then it would count for double time (1 minute = 2 yards). 100 yards is a Touchdown for Reading!

Connecting Cleveland's Communities and Classrooms

Come to East Tech High School, 2439 East 55th Street, Cleveland, OH 44104, Wednesday, **September 7, 2011** and meet U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Robert Velasco, II, Acting CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships as they speak on the topic of *Connecting Cleveland's Communities and Classrooms*.

12:30pm Registration

1:00pm *Conversations and Partnership Opportunities with the Obama Administration's Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Office*: Community discussion with Joshua DuBois and representatives from National and Community Service, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Labor, Justice, and Education

2:30pm *Connecting Cleveland's Communities and Classrooms*: A Celebration and showcase of community partnerships in education with Secretary Arne Duncan, Robert Velasco, II, and Joshua DuBois

You are invited to attend both sessions, but you are welcome to attend one of the events individually. Register to attend this event online at:

<http://usdoedregistration.ed.gov/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x3250a094>

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited – register today! Any questions, contact edpartners@ed.gov.

Free Webinar, Vocabulary: Building Blok of the Common Core, Thursday, September 8, 4:30-5:30 pm EST

Vocabulary instruction is everybody's business. As stated in the *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts*, students must be able to "read, write, speak, listen, and use language effectively across the content areas."

What are the sure-fire, non-negotiable academic words that appear consistently in all academic texts and conversations? Amy Benjamin will enlighten you in this free webinar. Go to www.eyoneducation.com to register.

5 Webinar Takeaways:

- A clear understanding of what it means to "know" a word
- Essentials of vocabulary acquisition through explicit, implicit instruction
- How to make informed choices about which words to target
- Practical action items that will result in durable vocabulary growth
- Engaging strategies to keep vocabulary at the center throughout the year

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage September 2011 Special Exhibition

Open the window to a turbulent and creative time in Cleveland. *Hardship to Hope* African American Art from the Karamu Workshop is a collaborative effort with Cleveland State University featuring The Russell and Rowena Jelliffe Collection. It runs from **September 13, 2011 through January 1, 2012.**

Also at the Maltz: *Fertile Ground, Cleveland Art 1929-1943*, moderated by Dee Perry, host, WCPN's *Around Noon*. The program is on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7pm. Tickets are \$12/\$10 Members. Purchasing tickets in advance saves you \$2. The Maltz is located at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, OH 44122. Phone: 216.593.0575.

Twenty YouthTouch Matching Grants to Enhance Math and Science Learning

Each year, Goldenrod Research Corp selects up to 20 schools to receive matching grants for a YouthTouch system. YouthTouch, suitable for elementary and middle school students, integrates Math, Science and technology within the framework of the existing curriculum, via hands-on learning activities. The comprehensive package includes robotics and fluid power equipment, instructional materials and on-site teacher training.

The grant provides half the cost of purchasing the YouthTouch system. Goldenrod will grant \$9,850 to awardees to coordinate funding from another source to provide their match and cooperates with schools to accommodate their special situations. Please do not let financial issues alone deter you from applying, if you are strongly interested.

For more information and to receive an application, go to <http://www.goldenrodresearch.com/responsepage.aspx>. The Goldenrod Research Corp is currently announcing the second (fall) round for 2011-2012. The deadline is September 30th, 2011.

Focus on Cyberbullying

The tools to achieve the cruelty of bullying have become extremely sophisticated. Anyone can terrorize another person without having to confront them. You don't have to be strong or fast, just have access to a computer or phone.

Cyberbullying is a problem affecting almost half of all youth in the United States. According to the National Crimes Against Children Research Center, online harassment of youth ages 10-17 increased 50% in the past five years. Cyberbullying can be equally as traumatic as direct bullying. Many believe that cyberbullying is even more destructive than face-to-face bullying because when cyberbullied, children get a sense that the whole world is being exposed to what is being

said about and to them. Emails are easily forwarded and Facebook posts are easily shared.

To avoid being involved in cyberbullying it is important to encourage youth to:

- Never post or share personal information online
- Never share Internet passwords
- Never meet anyone face-to-face whom you only know online unless accompanied by an adult
- Never share secrets or information about your emotional state online

Blogs, email and text messages, Facebook and Twitter posts are often ridiculed and targeted with nasty comments. Conflicts among peers that are aired via social media can escalate into confrontations at school. Legal action should be taken if cyberbullying involves things such as:

- Threats of physical harm to an individual
- Stalking or harassment
- Pornographic images
- Extortion

If you have a question that you would like to see featured in Focus, email Director Caelan Kuban at ckuban@ticinst.org Kuban teaches an online course entitled, Bullying and Cyberbullying. The course provides:

- The foundation for working with youth involved in bullying regardless of their place within the bullying circle: victim, perpetrator or witness.

- Bullying prevention and user-friendly strategies to help improve connections, continuity, dignity & opportunities in the lives of youth.

These strategies target resilience-building characteristics that will help to protect and heal youth from bullying experiences.

The cost of taking this course is \$100.

[Click here to learn more or to register](#)

At last year's Urban Conference some participants had the privilege of attending the seminar with Dr. William Steele, Founder of The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC). TLC Institute is sponsoring this online course, so it promises to be an excellent resource.