



## 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 4 September 19, 2011 Feast Day of St. Januarius**

Little is known of Januarius's life. He is believed to have been martyred in the Diocletian persecution of 305. Legend has it that after Januarius was thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, he was beheaded, and his blood ultimately brought to Naples.

#### **Comment:**

It is defined Catholic doctrine that miracles can happen and can be recognized—hardly a mind-boggling statement to anyone who believes in God. Problems arise, however, when we must decide whether an occurrence is *unexplainable* in natural terms, or only *unexplained*. We do well to avoid an excessive credulity, which may be a sign of insecurity. On the other hand, when even scientists speak about "probabilities" rather than "laws" of nature, it is something less than imaginative for Christians to think that God is too "scientific" to work extraordinary miracles to wake us up to the everyday miracles of sparrows and dandelions, raindrops and snowflakes.

#### **Quote:**

"A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. January, liquefies 18 times during the year.... This phenomenon goes back to the 14th century.... Tradition connects it with a certain Eusebia, who had allegedly collected the blood after the martyrdom.... The ceremony accompanying the liquefaction is performed by holding the reliquary close to the altar on which is located what is believed to be the martyr's head. While the people pray, often tumultuously, the priest turns the reliquary up and down in the full sight of the onlookers until the liquefaction takes place.... Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation. There are, however, similar miraculous claims made for the blood of John the Baptist, Stephen, Pantaleon, Patricia, Nicholas of Tolentino and Aloysius Gonzaga—nearly all in the neighborhood of Naples" (*Catholic Encyclopedia*).

Quoted from Saint of the Day

Lives, Lessons and Feast

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AmericanCatholic.org

#### **Message from the Secretary for Education/Superintendent**

As fall approaches, we turn our thoughts to the changing color of leaves, cooler weather, pumpkins, and apples. Everything changes. You received the Office of Catholic Education Religion Certification Process Handbook at the principals' meeting on Wednesday. We hope you will find the explanations clear and understandable. We have been working very hard to make the transition as easy as possible for you. Thank you for your cooperation as we make our way through this year. We continue the theme of the Bishop's Convocation with the Principals' Leadership Conference in November. *Catholic School Leaders: A Eucharistic People* is our theme. You received the registration information on Wednesday as well. Register online and send your payment by mail. It looks to be another helpful conference where you can relax and socialize with your peers as well. Hope to see you soon at the OCEA.

From September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers of Hispanic background to showcase their heritage and culture and to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States.

### **CONGRATULATIONS! Blue Ribbon Schools 2011**

St Angela Merici School  
20830 Lorain Road  
Fairview Park, OH 44126-2096

St Barnabas School  
9200 Olde Eight Road  
Northfield, OH 44067-2014

St Francis Xavier School  
612 East Washington Street  
Medina, OH 44256-2125

St Joan of Arc School  
498 East Washington Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2959

Of the six Ohio schools and 49 private schools over all who will be receiving the Award this year, four are from our diocese! Last year we also had four schools with the Award! We encourage you to consider working toward a Blue Ribbon for your school. You may want to congratulate these schools and ask them for tips on applying.

On September 15, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the names of 304 schools identified by the U.S. Department of Education as the National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2011.

Schools were selected either because their standardized test scores in reading and math placed them among the top-performing schools in the nation or state, or because they served disadvantaged students and improved performance to high levels.

Each state's commissioner of education nominates public schools for the award, and CAPE nominates private schools. CAPE may nominate 50 schools. All winning schools will be honored at an awards ceremony November 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

"America's long-term economic prosperity and civic engagement depends on our children receiving a world-class education," Duncan said. "National Blue Ribbon Schools are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their success is an example for others to follow."

### **Marketing Minute #4**

Involving Dads – This strategy of the Parent Teacher Group comes from St. Mary Catholic Academy, Port Huron, Michigan  
Faced with a possible closure, the parents of St. Mary Catholic Academy in Port Huron, Mich., decided there was only one way to save the school for its 120 students: marketing.

Although the school was struggling, the parent group had continued raising money, especially through its fall fundraiser. Determined to prove that their school could survive, the PTO budgeted an unprecedented \$10,000 for an advertising campaign. "We decided over the summer to spend big bucks," says PTO President Jennie McClelland. "Enrollment was declining, so we went pretty big. We decided to continue with it next year [with a larger, \$15,000 budget], even though the

future is uncertain. There was a temptation to put it on hold until we got some answers about our school's future. But it's paid off."

The thrust of the campaign was determined by how parents responded to a survey asking what they valued most about St. Mary: the individualized attention students receive, the moral and ethical aspects of a Catholic education, and the school's high academic standards. One parent found a book about how to market an independent school and took charge of a marketing committee. Another parent designed a website that attracted a family who had just moved to the state. Radio ads generated interest, with many requests coming in for information packets. There were also newspaper ads and billboards and a targeted direct mail campaign—all reflecting their theme, "One Child at a Time."

### **Involving Dads**

The effort to arouse interest in the school also tapped a previously underused resource: dads. The PTO conducted a free community, parenting seminar, "Just for Dads," where a local psychologist discussed the importance of fathers in the lives of their children and offered tips about common parenting concerns. To promote the workshop, St. Mary parents finagled an agreement with the public school system to send home a flyer with every elementary student in the district. Thousands of announcements went out. "It helped a lot," McClelland says. "It brought dads to the workshop and got our name out there."

Dads were recruited to tow a school float in the local St. Patrick's Day Parade, during which St. Mary pens and brochures were passed out along the route. A prize for the best youth float even led to a free spot on a local radio station. Christmas presented another opportunity, with a group of St. Mary carolers entertaining appreciative crowds throughout the neighborhood. "Getting involved in the community helped gain publicity," says McClelland. "But it also made the school more tightly woven into the community fabric and made its absence a greater threat."

Dads were also the inspiration behind a new addition to the school's annual major fundraiser, the Fall Harvest, which nets nearly \$80,000. Several parents thought a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament would be fun and profitable—which it was, adding \$4,000 to the event's bottom line. One dad attended a PTO meeting to suggest a spring golf tournament and was told to run with it; the result was an extra \$10,000 in the treasury and another boost to male involvement. Dads (and grandpas) are an important part of the annual Sweetheart Dance for girls and the main men in their lives; last year, 95 percent of the female students participated. And a dad even joined the PTO board as vice president.

"We wanted to raise the level of awareness for dads," says former PTO president Char Sweeney. "We wanted to get the word out that not only are they welcome but needed and that we could assign them to roles appropriate to their skills, abilities, and interests."

Fundraising was just as critical as the marketing efforts. At a private school, money raised by the PTO pays not just for extras like whiteboards and a portable microphone but also for operating costs and equipment like a copy machine and a floor polisher, as well as classroom desks and \$1,000 per teacher to help buy supplies. At St. Mary, the PTO raised more than \$100,000 last year, a major part of their efforts to keep the school afloat. "We have a wonderful staff," says Principal Tim Toepel. "But this little school couldn't exist in terms of functioning or financially without the support of the PTO. Parents have such a feeling of ownership. They realize that they are the school."

The parents' efforts to save St. Mary were successful. By April 2006, six new families had signed up, reversing a trend of declining enrollment. Father Simeon Iber, who had been assigned to their church temporarily, was named its pastor. And St. Mary has received news that it will add a middle school in fall 2007 as another Catholic middle school closes its doors. "In a difficult economy, we have turned the whole place around," Sweeney says. "There's new leadership, new enthusiasm. We have worked hard to make this a place where people are comfortable. I think we can continue to grow."

For more information go to: <http://www.ptoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/269-marketing-campaign-keeps-school-open>.

### **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](mailto:pmgerovac@clevelandcatholiccharities.org).

### **The LPDC Fall Inservice is Quickly Approaching!**

If you are a chairperson or school representative, please plan on attending one of the meetings. There is one meeting left. If you did not make it to one of the first two meetings scheduled, please plan on attending this one.

- **September 21st from 4-6 at St. Michael's Woodside**

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

### **Wear Your Bike Helmet to School on September 21**

To help prevent injuries and save lives, the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) will kick off a statewide campaign to encourage children to wear bike helmets on September 21. Governor Kasich also has declared this day as "Wear your bike helmet to work/school day." Ohio AAP says that by using bicycle helmets, children ages 4 to 15 could prevent between 135 and 155 deaths and up to 45,000 head injuries annually. For more information, visit the "Put a Lid On It" Facebook page.

### **High School Teams Can Compete in U.S. Cyber Challenge**

Two national competitions sponsored by the U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) can help students prepare for careers in the high-demand field of cyber security. In the high school competition, students learn about networking, operating systems and system administration. Online tutorials, video education materials and quizzes are available for each of these topics. Educators and group leaders of after-school programs will find more information and online registration details here <<http://www.uscyberchallenge.org/competitions-camps/cyber-foundations/registration/index.cfm?do=school-reg>>. The top performing students in each registered school or group, the top three students in each state and the top five performers nationally will be recognized. **The registration deadline is Sept. 30.** In addition, a college-aged student can enter a separate competition, called CyberPatriot IV <<http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/ABOUT/Pages/default.aspx>>. The entry deadline is October 8 deadline.

### **OCEA Convention**

**If you have not registered yet, you may want to consider going down to Columbus with some of your staff for the day and returning home. The sessions promise to be wonderful and Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, Ph.D. as keynote is worth the trip down. Hope to see you there.**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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 were made available online at [playhousesquare.org/teens](http://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](mailto:spvmail@att.net). Visit the Web site at [www.spvohio.org](http://www.spvohio.org).

## **OHIO Fair Trade Expo 2011**

Make sure to save the date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.ohiofairtrade.com).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OCS**

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Formation Course for Level I (ages 3-6)**

**Beginning October 8, 2011**, St. Matthias Parish in Parma will be hosting a Formation Course for catechists who work with, or wish to learn more about, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

For more information or to register for the Formation Course, contact Dianne Laheta, Pastoral Minister for Catechesis, at 440.888.8220 x 24 or by email at [dilaheta@rocketmail.com](mailto:dilaheta@rocketmail.com).

General questions about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd may also be directed to Denise Smithberger, Catechetical Consultant, at 800.869.6525 x 8910 or by email at [dsmithberger@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:dsmithberger@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES: We Are Called Catechetical Conference**

Please note that there is a **change of location and keynote speaker** in the **We Are Called Catechetical Conference**. The new location is **Lake Catholic High School in Mentor** instead of Padua High School in Parma.

The date for the **We Are Called Catechetical Conference** is **Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 8:30 to 1:00**. This conference is for day school teachers and parish catechists grades 1 through 8, and high school theology teachers. The conference will provide 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 is through the Office of Catechetical Services: [www.oce-ocs.org/ocs](http://www.oce-ocs.org/ocs). Early bird pricing is also available.

### 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. Father Richard Fragomeni will keynote on the topic, "What's the "This" in Remembrance of Me? Being and Doing the Eucharistic Gift." **Father Fragomeni is the keynote speaker at Sawmill this year.** 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.oce-ocs.org/ocs](http://www.oce-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](mailto:pflaherty@dioceseofcleveland.org).

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### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.smgww.org) or call Program Manager, Kimberly Moon at 1.888.4.SMGHIO.

### 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!

### **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 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.

### **John Carroll University Science Olympiad**

Science Olympiad is a fun and competitive event where students bring their science skills and knowledge and apply them in hands-on events covering a wide range of science topics. In our third year there were 15 schools and 410 students registered for this event. We hope to increase participation this year and share our love and enthusiasm for science with your students.

*Students:* This event is for students in *grades 4 – 6*, attending an elementary school in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

*Date:* *Saturday March 10, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*Location:* *John Carroll University, Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Kulas Auditorium*

*Cost:* *\$7 per student, \$35 per school* early registration fee, due by December 1, 2011. Deadline to register is January 31, 2012. School late registration fee is \$50.

*Contact:* *Lucy Kulbago, [lkulbago@jcu.edu](mailto:lkulbago@jcu.edu), 216-397-4639, and Go to <http://www.jcuso.org/>* for more information and event descriptions.

*Competition Events include:* Rubber Band Catapult, Mystery Powders, Paddle Wheel Boat, Rock Hound, Circuit Wizardry, Lego Robots, and many more.

*Walk-in Events include:* Picture This, Make It – Take It, Science Bowl, Estimation Jars, Starry Night.

*Note to Principals:* Most schools have a teacher or parent that organizes a group of students to attend this event. Some also organize after school practice time. However, if you do not have an organizer, this event is also open to individual students that may register and practice on their own. If you do not have an organizer, please send this information home with individual students in grades 4 – 6.

### **Ohio School Principals**

OSU Extension Entomology is offering 2 more seminars this year on the 2 new Ohio Rules, “Pesticide Use in Schools” and “IPM Standard”

October 6, 2011  
Ross/Pike ESC Bldg.  
Chillicothe, Ohio

And

November 17, 2011  
Fairfield County Extension Office  
Lancaster Ohio

The 1 day seminar helps schools comply with the “Pesticide Use in Schools” Rule <<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-11-15>> , Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:5-11-15.

The Rule was enacted in 2009 with the intention to reduce the potential risk of children and staff to an exposure of pesticides in classroom buildings. The **Rule requires Ohio schools to notify parents** and staff of an upcoming pesticide treatment and **maintain notification records for a year**. In addition, Ohio **schools must have a contact person** and allow **only licensed applicators** or trained service personnel to apply pesticides, including over-the-counter products to treat insects and rodents, such as wasps, ants and mice. Restrictions on the type of product and time of application are also part of the Rule.

The OSU program **explains the new rule and** provides examples of how to inspect and manage insects and rodents effectively while reducing pesticide use, using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques. A presentation on bed bug management is included. Attendees will receive a notebook containing the OAC rules, forms, fact sheets and other resources. **The seminar is FREE of charge.**

For more information about the IPM Program, go to: <http://bugs.osu.edu/schoolipm/index.html>  
For more information, contact Barbara Bloetscher, OSU School IPM Coordinator, at (614) 292-4624, or Jennifer Andon OSU Entomology, at (614) 292-4624.

**An RSVP is needed to order lunches and have enough handouts and notebooks. Thanks.**

### **Tools For Today And Tomorrow Guardian Workshop**

Speaker: Franklin J. Hickman, Esq. Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Check in: 6:15-6:30 PM  
Time: 6:30-8:30 PM Location: Lorain County Community College 1005 N. Abbe Rd College Center Building, Room 240 Elyria Ohio 44035.

### *Guardianship*

Many parents of children with disabilities are uncertain as to whether they need to continue being the decision makers for their children beyond age 18 when the natural guardianship of parents ends. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about guardianship including:

- when guardianship is needed,
- the different types of guardianship and their implications,
- alternatives to guardianship,
- how to obtain guardianship,
- how to choose a guardian, and
- the rights and duties of a guardian.

Learning objectives:

- Participants will understand when a guardianship is necessary
- Participants will understand alternatives to guardianship
- Participants will understand how to select a guardian and obtain a guardianship

*Cost/Training: \$10 families/professionals \$20 professionals, including 2.0 continuing education credits. Advanced Registration is Required: Please call Linda Kresnye at 216-229-5757, Ext. 126. Continuing Education Credits: Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation is approved provider #RSX089004 of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board. Nurses: This program is approved for CE by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapists Board; as such, it may also be used to satisfy your continuing education requirements. At the completion of the presentation, continuing education participants will receive a certificate of attendance/2.0 continuing education credits.*

### **University Hospitals/Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Ninth Annual Autism Seminar Series**

Location: UH Westlake Medical Center

Space is limited to 120 participants, so please register early.

*September 21, 2011*

Sleep and Pre-School Issues in ASD

Max Wiznitzer, MD

*October 19, 2011*

Medical Issues and Co-Morbid Disorders in Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders

Kathy Maxwell, MSN,CNS

*November 16, 2011*

Technology Tools and Software Programs for Children with ASD

Christian Karter, MA

*January 18, 2012*

Adolescent Issues in ASD

Christine T. Barry, PhD

*Feb 22, 2012*

Transition to Adulthood

Beth Thompson, MSSA

*March 21, 2012*

Social/Communication Issues

Lisa R. Audet, PhD, CCC-SLP

*Cost: \$90 (Fee includes all six lectures, handouts, and refreshments.)*

*Co-Sponsored by Milestones Autism Organization.*

## **Milestones Presents College Prep 101: Preparing and Transitioning Your Teen with ASD**

*Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2011*

Time: 7 pm-9 pm (Sign-in begins at 6:30 pm.) Both parents and teens welcome.

Families will learn:

- The differences between high school and college supportive services
- Effective ways to research colleges and informative websites
- What colleges offer programs for ASD students
- The right questions to ask admissions, disability services & financial aid
- Register Today. Limited Seating Available.

Location: Dr. Harry E. Eastridge Professional Development Center  
5700 W. Canal Road, Building B  
Valley View, OH 44125

Cost: \$10/person with advanced registration. \$15/person at the door.

Please bring cash or check payable to Milestones.

Presenter: Beth Thompson, MSSA

Teen/Adult Services Coordinator for Milestones Autism Organization

Registration Deadline: September 30

For more info or to register,

call Milestones at 216.464.7600 x108

## **Save the Date - MCAP Event Sexual Education for Teens & Adults with ASD**

Sherry Moyer, MSW

*Tuesday, October 25th*

6 pm - 9 pm

Location:

Milestones Autism Organization

23880 Commerce Park

Beachwood, OH Cost: \$30

Includes light dinner, networking & professional development credit

Milestones Consortium for Autism Professionals (MCAP) is an innovative network designed to support professionals serving the autism community and broaden their connections with others in their own and complementary fields.

## **!West Nile Virus Alert from Summit County Public Health!**

There are two confirmed cases of West Nile Virus Encephalitis in Summit County as of September 14. Unfortunately a 78-year old resident of New Franklin expired on September 13, 2011. The second confirmed human case involves a 47-year old resident of Akron who remains hospitalized.

West Nile Virus infected mosquitoes have been identified in 20 Summit County communities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that about 20 percent of people who become infected with WNV will develop West Nile fever. Symptoms include fever, headache, tiredness, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. While the illness can be as short as a few days, even healthy people have reported being sick for several weeks.

The CDC estimates that approximately 1 in 150 persons infected with WNV will develop a more severe form of disease such as West Nile encephalitis or meningitis or West Nile poliomyelitis: Severe symptoms include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma,

tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Serious illness can occur in people of any age, however people over age 50 and some immune-compromised persons (for example, transplant patients) are at highest risk for getting severely ill when infected with WNV.

Individuals can protect themselves and loved ones from West Nile by taking simple preventive steps such as using insect repellent and eliminating containers that can collect water from your property.

To avoid possible infection from mosquito bites:

- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, shoes and socks when outdoors between dawn and dusk since mosquitoes are most active at this time of year
- Light colors are least attractive to mosquitoes. Use insect repellent and follow the label directions.

To eliminate mosquito breeding sites near your home:

- Remove all discarded tires and other water-holding containers, such as tin cans and unused flowerpots, from your property.
- Eliminate standing water from your property.
- Make sure all roof gutters are clean and properly draining. Clean and chlorinate pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty when not in use and drain water from pool covers.
- Change water in birdbaths weekly.

Summit County Public Health staff will continue to monitor mosquitoes until the first freeze. Summit County Public Health will continue to work with area physicians and hospitals to quickly identify human cases and determine potential sources of exposure and provide information, education and referral as needed.

For further information, please contact the Environmental Health Division at Summit County Public Health at 330.926.5600 or visit the SCPH website at [www.schd.org](http://www.schd.org).

### **US Bishops: Defend Conscience Before Sept. 30**

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 15, 2011 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org) <<http://www.zenit.org/>> ).- Only two weeks remain for U.S. citizens to protest conscience violations found in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services directives for health insurance.

The U.S. bishops have asked citizens to express their concern to the HHS before the Sept. 30 deadline.

On Aug. 1, the HHS issued an "interim final rule" that will require virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and related "patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity."

These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans will have to include without co-pays or other cost-sharing -- regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage.

The bishops have made material available to evaluate the HHS rule and to respond.