SAES NOTES--December 2018

Dear Friends:

I hope that you are all preparing for a wonderful Christmas recess. May the holidays be a time to recharge your batteries after a full and exciting semester.

I'm happy to report that our webinars continue to be well-attended so we are expanding our offerings for next semester. I hope you will consider taking advantage of these opportunities that are included in your membership benefits. We will continue to curate topics of interest so don't hesitate to drop me a note if you have a suggestion.

Please know of my prayers for you and those you love during the upcoming Christmas season.

Blessings,

David+

SAES EVENTS

WEBINAR: Prevention and Response: Recommendations for School Leadership Regarding Sexual Misconduct

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019
4:00 PM (CST)

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) partnered in the summer of 2016 to explore educator sexual misconduct. In 2018, a joint task force released recommendations and how to prevent and respond to misconduct effectively. This webinar explores the task force's report and identifies key recommendations for school leaders to consider. Online resources will also be identified for further study.

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE!

WEBINAR: Capital Campaigns: Thoughts on Planning the Next Successful Campaign

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019
12:00 PM (CST)

Capital campaigns are a unique part of your development strategy and are also critical for the growth of programs and facilities. Is there a capital campaign on your horizon? This webinar will explore the various parts of a campaign and how to begin your planning process.

<u>**REGISTER NOW FOR FREE!**</u>

SAES CHAPLAIN VIDEO GATHERINGS

SAES Chaplains are gathering by video conference to share resources and support each other in this critical ministry. Are you looking for ways to make chapel more engaging? Perhaps you are interested in learning more about strategies to make you even more effective. Come and share ideas with your colleagues. All chaplains in the association are invited to participate. To join, e-mail Fr Madison at <u>dmadison@swaes.org.</u>

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JANUARY 10, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST
FEBRUARY 21, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST
MARCH 7, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST
APRIL 11, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST
MAY 9, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST

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SAVE THE DATE - 2019 SAES Early Learning Conference

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GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
AUSTIN, TX
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM (CST)

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MORE DETAILS SOON!

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Why Parents Need to Be Patient With Their School-Age Kids

"Children grow and develop interests at their own pace, and we need to let them be themselves, not mini versions of us."

<u>READ MORE BY JESSICA LAHEY, THE BOSTON GLOBE MAGAZINE</u>

Empathy in the Classroom: Why Should I Care?

"The benefits of empathy in education include building positive classroom culture, strengthening community, and preparing students to be leaders in their own communities."

<u>READ MORE BY LAURA OWENS, EDUTOPIA</u>

Groundbreaking Study Examines Effects of Screen Time on Kids

"The federal government, through the National Institutes of Health, has launched the most ambitious study of adolescent brain development ever attempted."

<u>READ MORE BY ANDERSON COOPER, 60 MINUTES</u>

SAES AWARDS

Connie Wootton Excellence in Teaching Award

$5000 cash prizes are given in four categories: early learning, elementary, middle/upper, and special focus. Prizes will be awarded at the 2019 SAES Biennial Conference at the JW Marriott Galleria in Houston, TX. on October 24-25, 2019. **Award applications are due by March 1, 2019.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONNIE WOOTTON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Ken Bastian Service Award

Winners of the Ken Bastian Service Award will be announced at the 2019 SAES Biennial Conference at the JW Marriott Galleria in Houston, TX. on October 24-25, 2019. **Award applications are due by October 1, 2019.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KEN BASTIAN SERVICE AWARD

ACCREDITATION NEWS & UPDATES

- For schools owing accreditation reports this year: Please be advised that there are two submission dates remaining: February 1 and April 1. Reports received on or before February 1 will be considered at the February 20-21 Standards Committee meeting. Reports received on or before April 1 will be considered at the June 6-8 Standards Committee meeting.

- SAES has expanded its accreditation to include programs for children younger than 3-years old. Beginning in 2018-2019, SAES will accredit all grades and programs in existence during on-site visits and those added throughout the 10-year accreditation cycle. This is a change from our practice of only accrediting programs for children PreK 3 and higher. This change will affect schools that hosted on-site visits from 2015-2016, and these schools will be notified.

- If your school is adding a grade or program (e.g., extended day, residential, homestay, international, outdoor education, IB, Montessori) in 2018-2019, complete the *Added/Grade Program Report* in order for that program to be accreditation. These reports are due by February 15th, and accreditation will be retroactive to the start of the school year. In some cases, a school visit will be required. Please see the *Accreditation Handbook* for details. *Click here!*

- If your school has experienced a significant change in operation or structure (program or leadership) since the prior school year or during the 2018-2019 school year, complete a *Substantive Change Report*. Please see the *Accreditation Handbook* for details. Click here!

- Please note that all accreditation documentation has been updated this past summer. Version 6.18 will be the relevant version for all schools beginning their self-study this year. Also, please note that there is a specialized Document in Adherence to Standards (DAS) for stand alone pre-schools beginning their self study this year.

Contact Sue Kirkpatrick, Director of Accreditation Services, at skirkpatrick@swaes.org with any

questions.

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