



SAES NOTES – MARCH 2019



Dear Friends:

This year, I had the occasion to be a with a small parish on Ash Wednesday that was without a priest. I remember this service well from my days of serving in both a parish and a school. I remember having to assure the littlest of students that the ashes had indeed cooled before they were applied to the forehead (good question, right?).

The season of Lent is all about shifting our perspective from the temporal to the heavenly. This is no small task for those of us running full-throttle on the "treadmill" that is school leadership. Who has time to reflect upon the eternal when we are running from meeting to meeting or from crisis to crisis?

I guess that's the whole point for the season.

Perhaps, the best Lenten discipline we could adopt would be to simply slow down and give thanks for all of the ways that God provides for us each and every day. When was the last time we took stock of the blessings that we tend to take for granted as a result of the hectic pace of life?

Set a daily intention to adopt viewing the world through the lens of thankfulness. Maybe you do it with a simple list that you add to each morning. Then, reflect upon the appropriate response in light of the myriad blessings you have enjoyed. In so doing, we are keeping our mind focused on the redeeming love of Jesus Christ which we celebrate at the Easter feast.

Blessings,

David+

SAES EVENTS

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 dmadison@swaes.org.

APRIL 11, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST
MAY 9, 2019 - 4:00 PM, CST



SAES Webinar: Part II: Independent School Task Force on Educator Sexual Misconduct

APRIL 3, 2019
4:00 PM (CST)

This is part "two" of our webinar exploring the recommendations for Independent School leaders from the Task Force on Educator Sexual Misconduct. This webinar will focus on the second half of the report which addresses a school's response to an incident of misconduct. This workshop is presented by Fr. David Madison, Executive Director of SAES and Kristin Smith, attorney with Fisher and Phillips, LLP.



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2019 EARLY LEARNING CONFERENCE

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

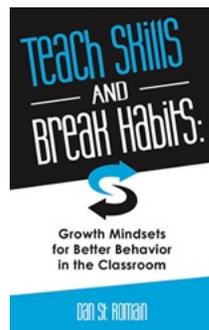


Keynote Speaker
Dan St. Romain
Educational Consulting

I Can Make Good Choices - When asked about job challenges, teachers often cite discipline concerns as number one on the list. In this interactive session participants will discuss the most critical social skills students need to be successful in school and learn specific developmentally appropriate ways to teach them through games, chants, songs and simple activities.

DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER TODAY!

Dan's new book, *Teach Skills and Break Habits* explores, the reasons why what we've been doing isn't working, and how to find a new path and process that will lead to better behavior in the classroom, as well as success for students beyond their school years. Faculty working with students through the first grade will benefit from this dynamic day of professional learning!



Dan St. Romain is a national educational consultant who provides staff development and consultative services to educators Pre K-12. Dan is passionate about helping individuals shift their perspective on behavior, understanding the best ways to provide support given the challenges posed in today's society. He regularly presents on topics impacting school climate, brain-based instruction, developmentally appropriate educational practices and presentation skills. Dan's overwhelming strength is his skill as a presenter. Although his sessions are exceedingly interactive and engaging, his greatest asset lies in his ability to offer participants rich insight into the connectedness between educational practices and student behavior.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Strategies to Foster A Sense of Belonging in Your Classroom

"Classroom norms are one way to make sure everyone is on the same page about how to treat one another in academic spaces, and they're even more powerful when kids come up with them."

[READ MORE BY KATRINA SCHWARTZ, KQED MIND/SHIFT](#)



There Is a Better Way to Teach Students with Learning Disabilities

“Instead of working around areas of weakness, scientists now identify brain areas in need of support, then strengthen them, building much-needed pathways.”

[READ MORE BY JO BOALER AND TANYA LAMAR, TIME](#)



How to Coach the Overwhelmed Teacher

“The key is to identify the first next step that might lead to reducing the actual tasks that need to get done.”

[READ MORE BY ELENA AGUILAR, EDUCATION WEEK](#)



The Value of Tinkering

“In the past, traditionally, tinkering was considered an important ‘skill’ and a stepping stone to creating innovations.”

[READ MORE BY AARON SCHOMBURG, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN](#)



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SAES AWARDS

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

- Team formation for SAES 2019-2020 on-site visiting teams has begun. As an accredited member of SAES, we expect and need your help. With almost twenty teams to fill, we need your people to step up so that we are able to hold to our tradition of placing skilled teams. Please use this [link](#) to the *SAES On-Site Visiting Team Volunteer Form* to identify faculty and staff who you believe would be ideal team members to serve on SAES accreditation visits.

- April 1st is the final date to submit interim accreditation reports owed in 2019-2020. Please contact Sue Kirkpatrick, skirkpatrick@swaes.org, if you have questions.

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