



DSB EXPRESS

The “DSB Express” is a communication about Diocesan School Board meetings and activities. Please share it with your Local School Board members.

Meeting Date: August 19, 2009, Diocesan Pastoral Center

The 2009-2010 school year for the Diocesan School Board opened with a prayer for wisdom and discernment dating from the 8th Century and closed with a 20th Century prayer of blessing for our teachers, administrators, and students. New Board members were introduced and committee assignments reviewed with notice that a new committee will be created to develop Policy for Diocesan High School Chapel use. Of special interest is the Local School Board contacts effort – every school has a member of the DSB assigned to facilitate communication between the Boards and the Diocese. The Piper School Project is on schedule and the project work at several schools is completed and a growing number are underway, a great blessing especially in this economy. The second annual *Night of Hope* will be at the downtown Sheraton (??) on October 24th at 6:00 PM, with former Archdiocese of New York School Superintendent Dr. Elinor Ford as the keynote speaker. It will be a great night of fun and fundraising for our children’s tuition fund. All Diocesan schools are requested to purchase two tables, and more importantly to fill them with persons who strongly support Catholic education.

Important Dates & Announcements

- **In-service Training for Local School Boards; September 26, 2009, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle, 4510 N. 24th Street, Phoenix**
Legislative in-service for Local School Board’s featuring guest speakers from Arizona Catholic Conference [ACC] and Catholic Tuition Organization Diocese of Phoenix [CTODP] is scheduled for January 21, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Please plan to attend!
- **To locate your school’s DSB representative**, please visit the Catholic Schools Office website: <http://www.diocesephoenix.org/catholicSchools> and select the “Diocesan School Board” link. DSB members are available to facilitate communication and can be your personal contact with the Diocesan School Board.
- **Arizona Catholic Conference** – Register for on-line updates. Goal is 1,000 new registrations for this school year. Go to <http://www.diocesephoenix.org/catholicSchools> - click on “**Legislative Issues**” link, click on “**AZ Catholic Conference**” and select “**Register for E-mail updates**”. Or you can link to the site directly at <http://www.diocesephoenix.org/acc/> - Please encourage all to register –board members, parents, etc.!
- **Night of Hope** – The second annual **2009 Night of Hope** event celebrating Catholic Education in the Diocese of Phoenix will be held on **Saturday, October 24th, 6:00 p.m.** at the **Sheraton Hotel** in downtown Phoenix, 340 North 3rd Street. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful evening whose purpose is to build on our existing endowment for scholarships.

Night of Hope
Our Children’s Future