



Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Catherine McAuley Honorees

This year's recipients of the 2009 Catherine McAuley Award are seniors **Colleen Healy** and **Paige Travis**, and staff members **Vicki Nettle** and **Paul Rossetti**.

Senior Colleen Healy is a caring individual who is always willing to help others and her long commute does not stop her from being an active McAuley student. Colleen is a Daniel Murphy Scholar, a member of SADD, UNITY, Action Reaction Service Club and the Lady Macs Dance group. She is a Student Ambassador, a Eucharistic Minister and is in the International Thespian Society. Outside of school, she volunteers for the Su Casa House, which assists families displaced by violence in Central America; she attended the Peace Builders Initiative where she developed a peace project to help children with cancer; and she has received the Girl Scout Silver Award for collecting clothes, toys and books for a women and children's shelter.



Paige Travis (left) and Colleen Healy (right)

GREETINGS FROM DR. MELONE



Dr. Christine
Melone,
President/Principal

On October 12, the Student Council hosted a Character Counts! assembly to introduce the program to the freshmen and to renew the commitment of our upperclassmen. We adopted the Character Counts! Program last year as a uniform

way to promote good judgment and ethical living. Character Counts! is a national character education movement that integrates six pillars of character into the existing curriculum. The six pillars are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The students are encouraged to make Character Counts! a part of their daily lives.

The Faculty and staff are able to reward students who exhibit one of the six pillars with a Character Counts! coupon. These coupons are redeemable for a lunch treat.

I will soon begin sending a note home to parents letting you know when your daughter has been recognized for good character. Watch the mail for these postcards and thank you for your support in helping us make character count at school and at home.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christine M. Melone, President/Principal

Senior Paige Travis is a self-confident leader with a generous heart. At McAuley, Paige is president of the Student Council, a member of the Track and Cross Country teams and participates in the annual school musical. She is a Student Ambassador, a member of the National Art Honor Society, the Inscape Newspaper staff and UNITY. Outside of school, she volunteers with the Special Olympics, is a member of the hospitality committee at her church and participated in the 2009 NASA Students Pursuing Academic and Career Excellence (NSPACE) Summer Research Program at Chicago State University. She is the daughter of McAuley alumna Alvenna Ward, class of 1978, and Paige's essay won the Tradition of Excellence Scholarship freshman year.

Staff honorees and building managers Vicki Nettle and Paul Rossetti are an integral force behind the scenes at Mother McAuley. The care and concern they show for even the smallest of tasks exemplify their true love of McAuley and its community. They selflessly give their time and energy to keep the students, faculty, staff and Sisters of Mercy safe, and ensure McAuley is running smoothly at all times. With more than 50 years of combined service, Vicki and Paul are true pillars of this school.

Each year, the McAuley community is invited to nominate a senior and a faculty/staff member to receive the Catherine McAuley Award. This coveted award epitomizes the mission of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and honors its namesake, Catherine McAuley. The award is presented at the annual Mercy Day celebration at the end of September. This special celebration includes an assembly, a remembrance gift, and the retelling of the story of Catherine McAuley and her legacy today.

AP Scholars

Forty-two students have earned the distinction of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. Students took the AP Exams in May 2009 after completing college-level courses at McAuley. Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Class of 2009 graduates **Andrea Altenbach, Rachel Page** and **Amanda Shine**. McAuley had thirteen students qualify for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are seniors **Anne Dailidonis, Sarah Mahoney** and **Gina Sanchez**, and Class of 2009 graduates **Kelly Bartusiak, Lyssa Chavka, Christine Durco, Kathleen Kaysen, Jessica Murray, Sarah O'Rourke, Rachel Pazda, Hannah Pienton, Emily Robinson** and **Chelsey Walsh**. Twenty-six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. These students are seniors **Mary Baker, Sheila Burns, Jacqueline Capron, Katherine Cronin, Carol Frigo, Leah Maslona, Killian McIvain, Kelsey Philippi, Bridget Sheehy, Catherine Smith, Rebecca Sutich, Helen Sweiss** and **Clare Teeling**, and Class of 2009 graduates **Mary Albano, Despina Batson, Jessica Carroll, Caitlin Gallagher, Sabrina Karakaya, Julie Larmon, Erin McGinnis, Brigid O'Keefe, Rebecca Pelka, Tia Puetz, Ann Quinn, Diana Rocha** and **Allison Usher**.

Math News

Mother McAuley hosted the South Catholic League Math Contest for high school students on November 7. Contestants from 12 schools with approximately 500 students and 100 coaches and proctors participated. This is one of three contests held prior to the regional competition which determines who qualifies for the state contest held at University of Illinois at Champagne. The contest was hosted by the Math Macs, McAuley's math team, moderated by math faculty members **Mr. Wehrmeister** and **Mrs. Jackiw**.



(left to right, front row) Arielle Guzman, Brittany Vacchiano, Lauren Gabel (left to right, back row) Nora Heiderscheidt, Katherine Kelliher, Kaitlyn Orloff, Kristina Biljan, Rachel Kinahan, Emily O'Keefe, Tessa Ward and Maggie Omastiak

Seniors Earn National Merit Recognition



Christine Jakes, Anne Dailidonis, and Katherine Cronin

The 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program has recognized senior **Christine Jakes** as a Semifinalist, and seniors **Katherine Cronin** and **Anne Dailidonis** as Commended Students. The students took the qualifying PSAT test on National Testing Day in October 2008.

Christine now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 8,200 merit scholarship awards. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the students' earlier qualifying test performance.

The Commended Students are among 34,000 high school seniors nationwide who have been recognized for placing in the top five percent of the 1.5 million students who enter the competition. Katherine and Anne will receive a Letter of Commendation from Mother McAuley and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Quill and Scroll Induction

Eleven students were recently inducted into the Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for high school journalists. Inductees must be a junior or senior whose academic standing is in the upper third of their class; they must have served on a school publication for at least a year and shown superior work; and they must have demonstrated a willingness to offer service to their school. The inductees serve on the newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine staff. The guest speaker was Katie Strand, a 1997 graduate of McAuley.

Creative Communications

The English Department is happy to announce that sophomores **Mary Sullivan, Erin Carlson, Emily Drenovsky Ashley Rogers,** and senior **Taylor Piper** have had their poetry accepted for publication by *Creative Communications*. The works were selected to be included in the anthology entitled "A Celebration of Poets."

National Day of Writing

Mother McAuley participated in the National Day of Writing on Tuesday, October 20. There was an Open House in the Writing Center for faculty, staff and students, and each of the English teachers sponsored special writing activities to commemorate this day.

Mrs. Radvila's senior classes presented creative projects on the historical film "Anne of a Thousand Days," about the scandalous romance between the notorious Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. This project served as an introduction to their upcoming study of Sir Thomas More in Robert Bolt's play, "A Man for All Seasons." **Mrs. Bewley's** students used the artwork in the Computer Center hall for creative writing prompts; **Ms. Mazzola's** class presented their creative writing pieces; and **Mrs. Murphy's** class used the Writer's Workbench software to practice skills of prose, revision, and more.

In addition, the staff of the Equinox Literary Magazine posted a special piece on the National Day of Writing website's Gallery of Writing (www.galleryofwriting.org).

The National Day of Writing was sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English as a way to draw attention to how integral writing has become in our daily lives.



Mrs. Holland's American Studies English class worked on their research papers in the Computer Center during the National Day of Writing.

Volley for the Cure

Members of Mother McAuley's Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen A and B Volleyball Teams sponsored "Pack the Place in Pink" on October 13 for the Volley for the Cure fundraiser. In addition to the volleyball matches, other student clubs including Student Council, the National Art Honor Society and Primary Colors helped raise money through t-shirt sales, raffles, face-painting and kids games. The evening also recognized and honored Breast Cancer survivors. The proceeds, totaling more than \$5,000, were donated to the Susan G. Koman Foundation.



Taylor Piper (left) and Felecia Gonzalez (right)

Art News

On September 12 and 13 **Liz Miller, Shantal Smith, Cassie Campbell, Beth Long, Victoria Barrera, Taylor Piper, Jean Marie Tucker, Amber Doherty, Andrea O'Campo, Jessica Ogle, Maya Hart** and **Alex Bull** from the National Art Honor Society were invited to face-paint at the Oak Lawn "Fall on the Green."

Lee Kintner, Lana Griggs and **Sara Paschke** and **Ms. Tyaka** participated in the 'I Madonnari' Street Painting Festival located at Sutherland Elementary School.

The NAHS held a student raffle for an oil painting of actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers by art faculty member Mrs. Gordon Davis. The winner was senior **Adrianna Bonny**.

The Primary Colors Club sold friendship bracelets as a fundraiser for the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Theatre News

Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat

The International Thespian Society conducted its annual Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat food drive. Troupe #443 spent a week collecting canned goods to give to a local food pantry. The International Thespian Society began this initiative as a service program and has provided hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to hungry children in the past four years.



(back row, left to right) Aishling Pembroke, Fiona Lane, Christine Jakes, Diane Haberkorn, Kara Fleharty, Natalie Grasso, Katie Smith (front row, left to right) Kathleen Katsikeas, Meaghan Moran and Michealean Christakos

Not-So Haunted House

The annual Not-So-Haunted House was held on Wednesday, October 28 for children pre-school thru 4th grade. This year's event combined the talents of the Freshman Acting classes, the Play Production class, and the members of the International Thespian Society to provide a safe and fun Halloween activity for children.

Oklahoma!

Tickets are on sale now for our fall all-school show, Oklahoma! Approximately 250 students are involved in the production in the cast, crews, and orchestra and in leadership positions such as Assistant Directors, Stage Managers, Assistant Lighting Designers, and Costume/Make-up Crew Chiefs. The show opens on Wednesday, November 18 for a full house of grade school students in the morning and a half price Senior Citizen performance in the afternoon. All Seniors are invited to the Wednesday matinee at 12:30 p.m. for \$5. Regular performances will be held on Thursday, November 19, Friday, November 20, Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10. If you would like to contribute to the production costs by purchasing a sponsorship ad that will be shown before the show and during intermission, please contact Mrs. Haynes at 773-881-6512.

Theology News

Theology faculty member Nadine Kulma attended the Catholic Festival of Faith hosted by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The two day event was held on October 16 and 17. The festival includes a wide variety of Catholic speakers, workshops, break-out sessions, prayer and worship experiences and exhibits.

Music News

McAuley Students Earn Band Accolades

The Brother Rice/Mother McAuley Band is a competitive marching unit in the fall months as well as a performance group for home football games. Members of the Competition Band perform in area contests along with the St. Laurence/Queen of Peace Band under the direction of P.J. Henning. Recently, the Competition Band placed 1st in the Drum Major and the Winds Division at the St. Rita Mustang Stampede, and 1st in the Visual, Percussion, and Drum Major Divisions at the Stagg Jamboree.



(left to right) Danielle Honings, Armi Grace Cortes, Kate Davis, Rachel Solis and Mary McClorey

IMEA Performers

McAuley students **Mary Claire Reynolds**, **Kelsey Philippi** and **Katie Smith** auditioned for the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). They auditioned along with thousands of other music students from the Chicagoland area. The top scoring students are selected to perform in the District 1 festival on November 21.

Additionally, **Christina Miller**, **Magda Marek**, **Emily Moran** and **Mary Joan Evans** were nominated by **Mrs. Alifantis** and **Mrs. McKee** to take part in the District 9/10 Choir which is comprised of the best freshmen and sophomore singers in the area.

Testing Program

The EPAS testing series (EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT tests) is utilized for educational planning and assessment. By examining the testing data supplied through the EPAS program, we are able to align our curriculum and implement instructional strategies that focus on developing our students' knowledge and skills. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test that measures reading and writing skills as well as provides students the opportunity to enter the National Merit scholarship programs. Results from these tests will be given to students in December and January. Please contact your daughter's counselor with any questions you may have about the tests. The PLAN and PSAT tests were administered on October 14. The ACT is typically taken during the second semester of a student's junior year.

Students Pledge Against Violence in Schools

On the Day of National Concern, the students showed their solidarity to end violence in schools by signing a non-violence pledge banner. Sponsored by the Counseling Department, the Day of Concern observance included the pledge banner, pledge stickers and an all-school prayer to end violence. The Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence movement began in 1996 and since then, more than 10 million students have signed the Pledge.



(left to right) Veronica Smith, Adebola Adeyemo, Elizabeth Echevarria-Jones, Kyra Mitchell, Tammy Rabadi and Krystal Rodriguez

Counseling Information

Naviance: In September, our Seniors and Juniors began working with *Naviance*, our new online college and career research program. In addition to student and parent college research, *Naviance* is used for keeping track of college applications, transcripts and notifying students of college visits, enrichment programs and scholarship opportunities.

Family Evenings: Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the McAuley Theater. A financial aid representative will explain the process of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aide (FAFSA).

Parent Education: The Counseling Department will host a Parent Connection meeting on February 24, 2010, in the Dining Hall.

Science News



Devin Knor (left) and Brittany Vacchiano

As a class project to learn about the forces involved in airflight, the students in **Mr. Thomas'** Physics Classes built model airplanes. The students tested and recorded the flight length in time and distance and used the data to determine the lift, weight, drag and thrust.



Dacia Hill (left) and Tatianna Ingram

Environmental Science students in **Dr. Iasillo's** classes utilize Lake Marion, located on the campus of Saint Xavier, to conduct experiments. The students collect water samples for testing. McAuley has been recording the changes in the ecology of the lake for several years.



Ellen Webb (left) and Vicki Martello

Mr. Walsh, a physicians assistant and father of senior **Madelyn Walsh**, recently spoke to **Ms. Brown's** Honors Physiology classes about the Cardiovascular System. He discussed how strokes and diabetes affect the body and taught the students how to take a blood pressure reading.

Mothers Club News

Special thanks to **Linda Garcia Streit, Gina Bangs,** and **Sherrye Dunmore** who helped serve refreshments at the Open House on November 8. Heartfelt thanks to **Tina Brettman** and **Laura Brennan** who spent countless hours planning a very successful “Ladies Night Out” Vendor Fair. To all the mothers who volunteered that evening, “thank you,” we could not have done it without your help.

Mark your calendars: Don’t miss our famous Christmas Party on December 3. Come join the Mothers Club and get involved in McAuley. Hope to see you there!!

Graduation Dress Resale: If you or your daughter has a graduation or prom dress they are interested in selling or donating to our Dress Resale, contact Bonnie Murray at 708-229-0720 or Michelle Patton at 708-403-5146. The sale will be held on February 6 at McAuley.

The 2009-2010 Mothers Club officers are President **Julia O’Brien**, Vice President **Mary McGarry**, Treasurer **Christine Sutich**, Recording Secretary **Viv Ogle** and Corresponding Secretary **Mary Ann Maslanka**.

Party with the Pageant

The McAuley Mothers Club, Fathers Club and Alumnae Association are cosponsoring a fundraiser on **Saturday, January 30, 2010** from **6-10 p.m.** at **Bourbon Street**. We will be cheering on McAuley alumna and Evergreen Park resident **Erin O’Connor ’06** as she competes in the Miss America Pageant. Tickets are \$25 pre-sale or \$35 at the door. Enjoy an evening of food, drinks, dj and games of chance. All are welcome to this 21 and over event. For tickets, please contact JoAnn Altenbach at 773-881-6559 or visit www.mothersmcauley.org. All proceeds to benefit school improvements.



Miss Illinois Erin O’Connor (center) with members of McAuley’s Student Council on her recent visit to McAuley. Erin spoke to all the students at the Character Counts! assembly and visited several classes and lunch periods.

Fathers Club News

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, November 21

The “Soon to be Famous” Spaghetti Dinner on November 21 will be from 5 to 8 p.m. in the McAuley Dining Hall. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread. Join us for a delicious dinner and then attend the All-School Musical, “Oklahoma!”

Wreath Sale: The sale includes wreaths, holiday crosses and door swags all decorated with a festive red bow. Wreaths will be on sale at the Mothers Club Vendor Night on November 13 or through the web site at www.mothersmcauley.org. Orders are due by November 16, pick-up will be on December 4.

Save the Dates: January 10 - Father Daughter Mass, January 24 - Father Daughter Bowling

Fathers Club meetings: Please join us for the next meeting on Monday, December 7, at 7 p.m. Refreshments are always served.

The 2009-2010 Fathers Club officers are President **Rich Jakes**, Vice President **Mike Filippone**, Treasurer **John Frieson**, Secretary **Lew Lake** and Membership Secretary **Chris Parker**.

Fathers Club Honors Past Presidents

In tribute to their service to Mother McAuley, the hard work they do, and the legacy they created, the Fathers Club honored the past presidents at the October meeting.

The Mothers Club also sponsored a special dinner honoring their past presidents.



Joined by Dr. Christine Melone and Sister Corine Raven, RSM, (front center) the past presidents include (front row, left to right) Fran Gallagher, Bill Lachat, Jack Griffin, Tom Love, Bill Brett, Chip Bulger, CT Watson and (back row, left to right) Jim Connolly, John Torpy, Dan Meus, Rick Schultz, Chris Parker, Ken Koopman, Scott Allen, Bob O’Hara, Rich Jakes and Rich O’Connell.



Nancy Kelly (left) and Kaitlyn Zielinski (right)

Ronald McDonald House Volunteers

Once a month, members of McAuley's Action Reaction Club volunteer to make dinner for the Ronald McDonald House residents in Oak Lawn. The Ronald McDonald House offers families whose children are receiving long-term treatment at Hope Children's Hospital a comfortable place to stay.

Grant Update

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival has received a grant from the Illinois Arts Council to support its 2010 program. The Festival is a favorite summertime activities here at Mother McAuley. Under the direction of Mrs. Haynes students, young adults, local performers and alumnae participate in the presentation of familiar and new plays.

The Ragen Trust Fund awarded Mother McAuley over \$6,000 to add a needed monitor to improve the scope of our security and surveillance system. Four daughters of Mary and William Ragen attended Mother McAuley in the 1960s and a granddaughter, in the 1990s.

The Operation Safe Teen Driving Grant awarded Mother McAuley \$2,000 for this school year. This is the third year McAuley has received this grant, but each year the grant has additional stipulations and has become a very competitive grant process. The money will be used by the SADD Club to present a safe driving program at McAuley and focus on the dangers of distracted driving.

The Development Dialogue

By Jamie S. Spiva, Director of Development

As the holidays roll around, many families are looking for ways to give back to the organizations that mean so much to them. So, I thought I would share a few simple ways you can support our Mighty Macs during the season of giving:

1. Make a gift to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund. Each family recently received an invitation to help further the mission of Mercy education in Chicago. Our goal is to have as many parents participate by making a donation. Your gift will help inspire others to contribute.
2. Register your Target Visa or Target Credit Card with the Take Charge of Education Program. Mother McAuley will receive a percentage from each purchase you make at Target. To register your card, visit www.target.com/tceo, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.
3. Pick a leaf from our Giving Tree. Academic departments and school programs have filled the tree with specific needs. You can help by picking a "leaf" and providing a donation for the item selected. For a list of items visit www.mothermcauley.org.
4. Honor your daughter(s) with a commemorative brick in Catherine's Garden. Details are provided in the enclosed brochure. Proceeds from this program benefit student tuition assistance, the Learning Resource Program and faculty pensions.

Here is another great idea. We all have that person on the shopping list who "has it all." Consider making a gift in their honor to McAuley. Pick an item off the Giving Tree or purchase a brick in Catherine's Garden in honor of your loved one and we will provide you with a certificate to share at Christmas.

Memorial Prayer Card Program

The Sisters of Mercy offer the McAuley community two beautiful memorial cards to honor loved ones. They can be used as memorial cards, healing cards or for special intentions. All those being honored are remembered in a special monthly mass offered in Mercy Chapel and in the daily prayers of the Sisters of Mercy. Two sizes are available, either an 8x10 with a suggested donation of \$20 or a 4x6 with a suggested donation of \$10. Donations help support McAuley's endowment for student financial aid. To request a Mass Card, please contact JoAnn Altenbach in the Development Office at jaltenbach@mothermcauley.org, by calling 773-881-6559 or pick them up in the Main Office.

A list of all those honored with a Memorial Prayer Card for the month can be found at www.mothermcauley.org.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- November 18.....Fall Sports Banquet
November 19-22All School Show “Oklahoma”
November 20.....Alumnae Night at “Oklahoma”
November 21.....Fathers Club Spaghetti Dinner
November 24.....Dismissal at 1:40
November 25-29Thanksgiving Break
December 1Open House, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
December 2Late Start
December 3Mothers Club Meeting
(Christmas Party)
December 4Fathers Club Wreath
Pick-up, 3-5 p.m.
Senior Dance
December 6Band Concert, 7 p.m.
December 7Fathers Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
December 8All-School Mass
December 9Children’s Theatre Day
December 10Children’s Christmas Concert
December 11Girls Night Out, 6-9 p.m.
December 12Instrumental
Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.
December 13Christmas Choral
Concert, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
December 15Christmas Prayer Service,
Noon Dismissal
December 16-18.....Semester Exams
December 21Christmas Break begins
January 4Faculty/Staff In-service
January 5Classes Resume
Fathers Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
January 9Entrance Exam
January 10Father/Daughter Mass, 10 a.m.
January 12Senior Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m.
January 15Jr. Ring Ceremony and Dance
January 18MLK Jr. Holiday - No Classes

School Improvement

The School Improvement Planning Team (SIPT) continues their work this year under the leadership of Mrs. Claudia Woodruff, Assistant Principal. The school improvement process is a five-year cycle based on standards established by AdvancED, a global school accreditation system. To earn accreditation, schools meet AdvancED standards, engage in continuous improvement, and demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review. The standards are derived from research and based on factors that impact student achievement. Improvement of our students’ writing and reasoning skills are two of the significant goals of this cycle of school improvement work. The SIPT has expanded this year to thirty five members of the faculty and staff who meet on a weekly basis.

Tuition Payments

Tuition payments must be kept current. As of December 1, 2009, your account balance must be less than \$3,300 in order for second semester enrollment to be permitted. Please contact Terry Corcoran at 773-881-6507 if you have questions regarding tuition payments.

Education Expense Credit

Families with students attending private school may be eligible to receive an education expense credit on their individual income tax returns for the 2009 tax year. Specifically, qualified education expenses include the amount of tuition, book fees and lab fees. To obtain the bulletin, “Education Expense Credit for Individuals,” access the Illinois Department of Revenue’s website at www.revenue.state.il.us, call Illinois Tax Fax at 217-785-3400 or call the 24-hour Forms Order Line at 800-356-6302. Note: Statements will be prepared in January indicating calendar year 2009 payments. This information is needed to claim the State of Illinois Educational Expense Tax Credit.

Transportation Reimbursement

The Illinois State Board of Education issued a memorandum indicating that a fiscal year 2010 appropriation was not awarded for the Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program authorized under Section 29-5.2 of the Illinois School Code.

The lack of FY 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-2009 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year, they will promptly pay the 2008-2009 claims that were submitted.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.