



Pacific Southwest District School Ministries E-Connect

"...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." -Ephesians 4:15-16

January 18, 2012

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" Matthew 6:27 ESV

Anxiety is an expression of habit. Of course, it might be worth the cost if it worked. But it doesn't. Our fretting is futile. Worry has never brightened a day, solved a problem, or cured a disease.

God leads us. Worry must not! God will do the right thing at the right time, every time! What a difference that makes! Our God loves us with a deep and abiding love in Christ our Savior!

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOPS--THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

Don't miss out on a great workshop! The California workshop deadlines are this Friday, January 20! We are excited again to offer regional School Board Workshops led by **Paul Brandt**. These workshops have been well received each year and attendees walk away with great information and tools for their ministry at their schools. Paul Brandt will present two different topics at this year's trainings:

The morning session: The Data-Driven Board: Your School's Key Effectiveness Indicators

The afternoon session: Planning for the Future - The Board's Role

January 28th at Emmaus, Alhambra, CA

February 11th at Ascension, Torrance, CA

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February 18th at Grace, Escondido, CA

April 28th at Atonement, Glendale, AZ

Pick a date that works best for your board and make this a priority to attend! [Click here for registration information and more details.](#)

ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 6-7, 2012!

Our second annual **Admissions Directors' Conference** is just around the corner! The Planning Committee is excited for you to attend and receive all of the information that will be shared by our experts! On Day One, **Ryder Smith of Tripepi Smith and Associates** will share a presentation on Social Media and its effectiveness in marketing. In the afternoon, Ryder will work with each school in attendance creating a marketing plan that is specific to the school and the community it markets to. In addition, Ryder will give each school in attendance a gift certificate to receive a marketing evaluation of your school's website. This will include a report of suggested updates and a conference call with Ryder and his marketing experts at Tripepi Smith. This is over a \$1000 value that you will receive for only \$500!!

Chip Espinoza, CEO of **Genext Consulting**, will be the presenter for Day Two. He will share about intergenerational relationships and how they effect a wide variety of relationships both within our schools and in our marketing decisions.

In addition, we will have **Pastor Chris Singer** lead us in worship and devotion on our theme of "To Win as Many as Possible" based on 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

All this and great food, fellowship, and the Orange Lutheran High School Jazz Band! Don't wait!! Register Today - [click here for registration information!](#)

OCCUE TECH FEST 2012 IS THIS SATURDAY!

If you haven't yet registered to attend Orange County CUE's annual tech fest, then make sure you do! The **OCCUE Tech Fest 2012** will take place at **Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, CA, this Saturday, January 21, 2012**. The keynote speaker will be the esteemed Rushton Hurley of Nextvista.org. If you have never seen

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Rushton before, then get prepared for a treat!

Registration for this event is a bargain, and if three teachers from a school register, ***an administrator can attend for free!*** New this year: Tech Fest will also be offering an Administrator strand!

Sign up today at <http://occuetechfest.blogspot.com/>. The sessions and schedule are posted on this website.

NEW PHOTO ALBUMS ON OUR WEBSITE

Check out our website (www.pswcic.org) to see two updated photo albums. You can view the albums by hovering over *Stay Connected* and then clicking on *Photo Gallery*. The **Highlights** album is from **PSD Service Day 2011** and the **Our Schools** album shows photos that were submitted to us from schools throughout the district. Thank you for sending in your pictures, and please continue to do so!

SHAPED AND FIT TO SERVE

Shaped and Fit to Serve is a new section for E-Connect in 2012. Every other week, we will post fitness tips that we are asking "experts in the field" to share with us. Here's the second tip:

The Importance of Drinking Water:

60% of the human body is water. Therefore, we need to drink lots of water to keep it working properly. The goal should be to consume eight 8 oz. glasses of water per day. Drinking enough water helps with proper digestion, clearer looking skin, can help curb your appetite, flush out harmful toxins, and if you replace just one can of soda a day with a glass of water you will save yourself 51,830 calories per year!

"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." Mark 9:41

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING ECE CONFERENCES!

The PSD Early Childhood Cabinet is pleased to announce this year's conference dates. Please **mark your calendars now** for these continuing educational opportunities!

Early Childhood Spring Conferences:

Theme: How Beautiful Are the Feet - Isaiah 52:7

Keynote Speaker: Paul Brandt

Arizona Spring Conference:

Saturday, February 25, 2012, at Atonement, Glendale, AZ. Click [here](#) for the Save the Date.

California Spring Conference:

Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Salem, Orange, CA. Click [here](#) for the Save the Date.

Early Childhood Director's Conference: April 25-27, 2012, at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. This year's Director's Conference will truly be a spiritual retreat as we explore God's Word - in depth - to seek the strength we need to meet the daily temptations we face.

Registration information will be sent out within two weeks via email and E-Connect. Please watch for it and take special note of the registration deadlines.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

National Lutheran Schools Week 2012 takes place **March 4-10**. Materials are now available for purchase. The Worship Manual has several useful tools for this important week-long celebration. In this downloadable book you will find the NLSW theme song for this year, a worship service outline, children's sermon, chapel helps, adult Bible study, classroom devotions, faculty and staff devotions, and more--**all of this for \$15!**

Click [here](#) for the 2012 NLSW Resource Manual and 2012 Equipped Poster order form.

Click [here](#) for the order form for two styles of NLSW banners.

If you'd like to purchase the electronic Resource Manual by credit card, go to <http://store.lcms.org> to order.

On the Concordia Publishing House website you will also find balloons, pencils, and other classroom resources available: [click](#)

[here](#) for the link.

2012 ACCELERATED READER CHALLENGE

The annual AR Challenge is set to begin on **January 30, 2012**. Any elementary LCMS school in the United States that is presently using the Accelerated Reader program may enter the contest. All students must be independent readers.

The purpose of this challenge is to provide an incentive and motivation for our children at Lutheran schools to read more, get smarter and have fun. Reading for this contest can occur anywhere the children are - at home, at school, in the car, etc. All reporting of points will be done by each school's coordinator via the AR Challenge web site.

Register before January 30 to take part in the AR Challenge by visiting the St. Paul's (Janesville, Wisconsin) website - www.stpaulsjanesville.com. Click on the school tab [2012 National AR Challenge](#).

STATS AT A GLANCE

Thank you to the many schools who have already completed their PSD Stats at a Glance online. It's easy! Please [click here](#) for the link to complete your school's statistics. Once you hit submit, we will receive them! Thank you in advance for your participation!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Each week, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for teachers, administrators, support staff, pastors, students, and families of the Lutheran schools, early childhood centers, and churches of the Pacific Southwest District are listed. To include names on the list, please send information to anna.preus@psd-lcms.org by noon on Wednesday of each week. This week we pray for:

- **Pastor Tim Dtviler**, Campus Pastor at **Orange Lutheran High School**. Tim is undergoing cancer surgery tomorrow. Please pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery for Tim.

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Palisades Lutheran Preschool, Pacific Palisades
Trinity Christian School and Preschool, Norwalk
First Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, El Cajon

Mesquite Lutheran Child Care Center, Mesquite, NV



We are all connected in Christ!