Welcome Back

On behalf of the ANSAA Board of Directors, we welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year. We are pleased to have you as part of our association and we look forward to assisting you in maintaining your school’s excellent reputation by adhering to professional standards through the accreditation process.

ANSAA Board Members

ANSAA Officers 2014-2015:
President—Sharon Blentlinger, Principal; Immaculate Conception, Fort Smith
Vice President—Ron Fellers, Administrator; Trinity Christian, Texarkana
Secretary—Ileana Dobbins, Principal; Our Lady of Holy Souls, Little Rock
Treasurer—Sharon Morgan, Head of School; The Anthony School, Little Rock

ANSAA Board Members Re-elected for Three Year Terms / 2014-2017
Dr. Gary Arnold, Head of School; Little Rock Christian Academy, LR, Board Position #7
Greg Jones, Chief Aca. Officer; Shiloh Christian School, Springdale—Board Position #9
Sharon Morgan, Head of School; The Anthony School, Little Rock—Board Position #10

ANSAA Board Members Currently Serving
Position #1 Vernell Bowen 2012-15 Position #6 Sharon Blentlinger 2013-16
Position #2 Leesa Renshaw 2012-15 Position #7 Gary Arnold 2014-17
Position #3 Ron Fellers 2012-15 Position #8 Open 2014-17
Position #4 Bode Teague 2013-16 Position #9 Greg Jones 2014-17
Position #5 Ileana Dobbins 2013-16 Position #10 Sharon Morgan 2014-17

Tremendous Thanks To Board Member, Nora Yates For Over 25 Years of Service
Nora Yates (Position #8) will be leaving the ANSAA Board after over 25 years of service as a founding board member. Her expertise, guidance, and wisdom will be greatly missed. It has been an honor having Nora on the board. She has gifted our schools through many hours of service.

ANSAA Staff
At this time last year Beverly Gray announced her retirement as the Executive Director of ANSAA with Kristine Grelle assuming the position as of July 1, 2014. ANSAA is blessed that Beverly has agreed to assume the Associate Director position as of July 1. The roles and responsibilities of each position have been rewritten to reduce the number of hours of the Associate Director thus allowing Bev time with her eight grandkids. We thank her for her leadership over the last eleven years and her continuing dedication and work with the organization. The ANSAA Staff looks forward to continuing to provide excellent service to ANSAA schools and promoting nonpublic education in Arkansas.

New Chief ANSAA Administrators for 2014-2015
The Anthony School, Little Rock
Avilla Christian Academy, Alexander
Blessed Sacrament School, Jonesboro
Christ the King, Fort Smith
Columbia Christian School, Magnolia
Concordia Christian Academy, Jonesboro
Crowley’s Ridge Academy, Crowley’s Ridge
Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock
Mount St. Mary Academy, Little Rock
The New School, Fayetteville
St. Edward Catholic School, Little Rock
St. Joseph Catholic School, Fayetteville
West Side Christian School, El Dorado
Sharon Morgan, Head of School
Sarah Coch, Interim Principal
Sr. Glorea Knaggs, Interim Principal
Ann Cannon, Principal
Richard Britt, Superintendent
Becky Bernau, Principal
Mack Ramsey & Greg Kinser, Co-Heads of School
Thomas Southard, Interim Head of School
Angie Collins, Interim Principal
Dennis Chapman, Head of School
LaTonya White, Principal
Jason Pohlmeier, Principal
Jennifer Wylie, Interim Administrator

New Administrators

are invited to attend
ANSAA orientation
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 12:00-2:30 at St. John’s Center, LR
Lunch provided. Watch for e-mail registration form.

ANSAA Board Members

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ANSAA Annual Report

2014
August 1, 2014
Congratulations

Schools Completing ANSAA Accreditation in 2013-2014

Accreditation Renewals:
Abundant Life, Sherwood (K-12)  Justin Moseley, Superintendent
Blessed Sacrament, Jonesboro (K-6)  Sr. Glorea Knaggs, Interim Principal
Catholic High School, Little Rock (9-12)  Steve Straessle, Principal
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Morrilton (K-12)  Brian Bailey, Principal
St. John Catholic School, Hot Springs (K-8)  Angela Isaacs, Principal
St. Joseph Catholic School, Fayetteville (K-7)  Jason Pohlmeier, Principal
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Rogers (K-8)  Karla Thielemier, Principal

Dual Accreditation Renewals:
Conway Christian School, Conway (K-12)  Gloria Massey, Chief Administrator
Shiloh Christian School, Springdale (K-12)  Greg Jones, CAO
Subiaco Academy, Subiaco (7-12)  Matt Stengel, Headmaster

Initial Accreditation:
Columbia Christian School, Magnolia (K-12)  Richard Britt, Superintendent

ANSAA Site Visit Dates 2014-2015

ANSAA Renewals:
Immaculate Heart of Mary, NLR (K-8)  Dan Smith, Principal  March 8-11, 2015
St. Theresa Catholic School, Little Rock (K-8)  Marguerite Olberts, Principal  Feb. 22-24, 2015

Dual Accreditation Renewals:
First Lutheran School, Fort Smith (K-6)  Kathy Nieting, Principal  Spring 2015
The New School, Fayetteville (K-8)  Dennis Chapman, Head of School  April 12-15, 2015

Initial Accreditation Candidate Status:
St. John’s Lutheran, Stuttgart (K-6)  Kristian Dabbs, Administrator  Spring 2015

ANSAA School Updates

New Associate Members
All Children’s Academy (K-5) in Little Rock and South Arkansas Christian (K-12) in Lewisville were approved as non-accredited associate members in September 2013. Ambassadors for Christ (K-12) in Bentonville was approved to rejoin ANSAA as well. Columbia Christian School (K-12) in Magnolia was approved for membership by the ANSAA Board at the November 2013 board meeting and has also been accredited by ANSAA as of April, 2014.

ANSAA Self Study

The ANSAA Self-Study Instrument is an accreditation tool that directly correlates with the ANSAA standards. Any school interested in obtaining a copy of the Self-Study or scheduling staff training on the use of the instrument should contact Kristine Grelle at 479-246-0032 or kristine.grelle@cox.net.

ANSAA Fees

Membership Fees: Annual membership fees for ANSAA schools will remain the same for the 2014-2015 school year. The current fees are $2.00 per student for (grades K-12) based on 2014-2015 school enrollment in addition to the base rate which is as follows: accredited elementary $450, accredited secondary $450, and non-accredited $300 (K-12).

Annual Meeting Fee: The ANSAA Annual Meeting fee will also remain the same as last year; $50.00 for the first attendee and $25.00 for each additional attendee from the same school.
ANSAA Summer 2014 Workshops
Thanks to all host schools, presenters, and participants assisting in making the ANSAA 2014 Summer Professional Development Workshops such a success. Evaluations will continue to be reviewed to develop future recommendations for the use of the Title II-A federal funds. ANSAA also appreciates all the cooperation and guidance offered by the Arkansas Department of Education and Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative in supporting our collaborative efforts in organizing professional development for our ANSAA schools. Although we can no longer provide lunch for participants under the federal guidelines, the workshops and all supporting materials continue to be offered free of charge.

ANSAA Pilot Inclement Weather Make-Up Days
The ANSAA Board voted at the April 7, 2014 board meeting to grant Pilot Inclement Weather Make-Up Days (such as Cyber Days, Distance Learning, Off Campus Student Work Assignments) for the 2014-2015 school year and approved all pilot projects that were conducted during the 2013-2014. For more information, including guidelines, go to ANSAA.com; tab under “Laws and Legislation.”

Arkansas New Laws and Regulations
Specific information regarding new state immunization requirements and state laws can be found on our website under the “Laws and Legislation” tab. This includes graduation course content requirements and professional development regulations.

National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Association (NFNSSAA.com)
The NFNSSAA Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, IL on May 28-29, 2013. The following states were present: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Missouri, and Michigan. The agenda items included:
- Research creating an NFNSSAA Accreditation Certificate for state chapter accredited schools
- Investigate the possibility of a co-operative membership with Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary & Secondary Schools.
- Set-up monthly teleconferences with member states to assist in carrying out action plans
- Continue to use the NFNSSAA Dropbox for electronically storing state reports and membership data
- Continue to use Survey Monkey to gather comparative data on state accreditation processes
- Upgrade NFNSSAA website and logo to include highlighted information on all state chapters

NFNSSAA Officers for 2014-2015: Beverly Gray, President (AR), Dan Bauer, Vice President (MO), Bea Weiland, Secretary (WI), and Sarah Mueller, Treasurer (Minn.)

Arkansas Activity Association / AAA
The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) Annual Meeting of the Governing Board was held August 6, 2014 in Little Rock. The focus of the meeting was to consider five proposals to amend the AAA Constitution and Bylaws.

Proposal No. 1 / Volleyball Events Defined *Passed
Tournaments can include preliminary sets for the purpose of seeding teams into bracket play. Up to six teams per seeding group are permitted. Teams should play no more than ten 25 point sets in preliminary play.

Proposal No. 2 / Football Play-Off Administration (Funds) *Passed
Gross receipts for each classification’s finals game shall be totaled separately in order to establish a per game gate receipt total. All classification’s finals games gross receipts, including pre-sold tickets, shall be totaled separately. All finals participating schools will then receive their pro-rated share based on finals receipts.

Proposal No. 3 / Football Practice *Passed
The proposal outlines the use of full pads, half pads, and practice guidelines in order to reduce the risk of injury.

Proposal No. 4 / Conferences for Regular Season Play *Passed
Amendment to the classifications for football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, and volleyball. Outlines the way in which teams are certified for state tournaments.

Proposal No. 5 / First Football Game Date *Failed”
The start date for the first football game will be Week #8.
ANSAA Annual Report

All forms for the 2014-15 ANSAA Annual Reports are listed on ANSAA.com with detailed instructions. Contact the ANSAA office (479-246-0032) if you need assistance with the forms. All forms have been updated with some deletions and additions from previous years. Please do not alter the forms to fit a different format.

ANSAA Forms, Reports, and Dues must be mailed to the ANSAA office by September 15
Mail all forms and information listed on the Annual Report Checklist for 2014-15 by the September 15, 2014 deadline to: Kristine Grelle, ANSAA Executive Director, 2209 South 18th Place, Rogers, AR 72758. If the forms are sent after the September 15th deadline, include a late fee of $100.

ANSAA Accredited School Forms & Reports 2014-2015
- Annual Membership Form
- Annual Report--Elementary (if applicable)
- Annual Report--Secondary (if applicable)
- Admin.& Teacher Deficiency Form (if applicable)
- Annual Meeting Registration Form
- ANSAA Financial Review Form (if applicable)
- Audit Verification Letter (if applicable)
- Annual Report Checklist
- Major Recommendations from last site visit
- Written Report Addressing Major Recommendations
- School Calendar for Current Year
- Application for Accreditation Renewal (Due the fourth year of the seven year cycle); applies to the following schools 2014-2015 school year: Crowley’s Ridge Academy (Paragould), Harding Academy (Searcy), Mount St. Mary Academy (Little Rock), Ozark Adventist Academy (Gentry), St. Paul Catholic School (Pocahontas), and Trinity Christian School (Texarkana).

Non-Accredited Associate Member Forms 2014-2015
- Annual Membership Form
- Annual Report—Non-Accredited Associate Members
- Annual Meeting Registration Form
- Annual Report Checklist
- Application for Initial Accreditation (candidate status schools only)
- School Calendar for Current Year

Helpful Reminders for Submitting Annual Reports:

- **Address Change for Mailing Forms**
  All forms will be mailed to the following address this year: Kristine Grelle, ANSAA Executive Director, 2209 South 18th Place, Rogers, AR 72758

- **The ANSAA Annual Financial Review Form**
  can be used in place of a school audit to meet ANSAA Standard *10.3. The financial review is to be completed by an independent CPA.

- **Audit Verification Letter (if applicable)**
  If the school conducted a 2013-2014 school audit, include a verification letter from the auditing firm or CPA with the annual report.

- **Annual Report**
  A list of the Major Recommendations from the school’s last accreditation site visit must be sent in each year along with a current progress report stating how the school is addressing the recommendations. Schools completing site visits in the past four years were sent templates to use for reporting on major recommendations.

- **ANSAA Policy Manual**
  The ANSAA Policy Manual Edition 2013 will be used as a reference to identify all ANSAA Standards. All Annual Report Forms (Elementary, Secondary and Non-accredited) are correlated to the 2013 Policy Manual Edition. The 2013 edition of the policy manual will be e-mailed to all head administrators.

- **Deficiency Plans**
  Accredited schools must give an annual update on any approved deficiency plan. This updated plan must also include an updated action plan. Any new request for deficiency plans must be reviewed with the executive director before submitting for board approval. The deficiency plan cannot be used for non-degreed employees.

- **E-Mail Addresses**
  ANSAA information will be sent to school administrators by e-mail. The Membership Application form indicates the school e-mail address that will be listed in the ANSAA Directory. Under Chief Executive Officer on the membership form, include the e-mail addresses of other school administrators’ that need to receive ANSAA information. The new ANSAA Directory for 2014-2015 will be posted on ANSAA.com the first week in October after the review of all ANSAA Annual Reports.

The newly revised ANSAA website is a good resource tool. If you have misplaced any ANSAA mailings or news articles, check ANSAA.com