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Registration for Summer Courses in Full Swing
New courses include:
GED 526A: Creativity and the Neuroscience of Teaching
GED 526B: Depth and Rigor in the Reading Workshop Grades 2-6
GED 578: Visual Learning: Words into Pictures
GED 595: Launching & Developing a Writers’ Workshop in the Elementary Grades
GED 673B: Stop Motion Animation for Educators
GED 673C: Thinking Like DaVinci: Bringing Innovation to Interdisciplinary Curr. & the Common Core
Director of Special Education endorsement coming by or before spring, 2014

NEW TIME AND NEW INSTRUCTOR:
GED 607: LITERACY INSTRUCTION FOR ADOLESCENT READERS WHO STRUGGLE
We’re delighted to welcome a new adjunct instructor, David Mendenhall, to Saint Michael’s College this summer. David joins us from Essex Middle School where he teaches Language Arts and Social Studies. David holds degrees in education and English from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He’s also graduate of the National Writing Project in Vermont and a recipient of the John T. Poeton Award for Excellence in Teaching. David has studied reading and writing workshop with staff developers from Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, and word study with Dr. Shane Templeton, co-author of Words Their Way, and Vocabulary Their Way.
David will be offering this important and inspiring course July 1-12 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Teachers of grades 4-12 will find it most relevant. We hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY HIRED GED STUDENTS!
Eric Howard
Northfield Middle & High School, Art Teacher, Grades 6-12
Mary Simpson
Fifth grade, Baileys School for the Arts and Sciences, Fairfax County, Virginia
Jim Robinsatte
Special Educator, Middle School, Middlebury, Vermont
Katie Herbert
First/Second grade Long-term Substitute Teacher, Allenbrook Elementary School, Williston, Vermont
Erin Krausfeld
English Long-term Substitute Teacher, Essex High School, Essex Junction, Vermont
Ethan Bodin
Shelburne Farms Educator, Shelburne, Vermont
Robin Maguire
Coordinator of VT Early Childhood Alliance, Williston, Vermont
Sharon Robinson
Kindergarten ESOL Teacher, St. Dominic’s International School, Lisbon, Portugal
Matt Haydon
Third grade, American School of Brasilia, Brazil
Stephanie Rossier
High School Science, Biology & Human Anthropology, Mt. Abraham Union-Bristol, Vermont
Not Listed? Please email Emily Shecter, eshecter@mail.smcvt.edu

MIDDLE GRADES SUMMER INSTITUTE
The Middle Grades Summer Institute will be at Castleton State College June 24-28, 2013. This year, in addition to offering the four endorsement courses in middle level education, the institute will be offering a teaming course called Middle School is Not a Building and three grant funded courses. The first, Literacy in the Content Areas, will explore literacy strategies using the Common Core State Standards in each of the core content areas. The second course, Middle Grades Learners and Technology, will investigate the different uses of one-on-one computing in the classroom. And the third course, Middle Schooling for Post-Secondary Success, will bring together teams of teachers and their students to develop a career exploratory program at their middle school. Each grant-funded course is tuition-free.
For more information contact James Nagle at jnagle2@smcvt.edu or go to www.middlegradescollaborative.org.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE IN THE CONTENT AREAS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS
MAY 16 & 17, 2013
A Conference Examining Effective Teaching Practice for English Learners
Sponsored by
Project CREATE
Saint Michael’s College
Colchester, Vermont
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CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO M.ED GRADUATES!

PAMELA PADGETT
South Burlington Special Education Teacher

NATIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION: CONGRATULATIONS PAMELA PADGETT!

Pamela Padgett, a M.Ed. 1999 graduate and South Burlington special education teacher, recently earned the distinction of National Board Certification. National Certification recognizes teachers who demonstrate deep knowledge of their subject area, commitment to students and skillful instruction.

Teachers who choose to pursue National Certification must pass a series of assessments over and above state licensing requirements and submit videos, a portfolio and other materials to illustrate their teaching skills and methods. These are then judged by a national panel. Certification is an advanced teaching credential that supplements but does not replace a teacher license.

COMEDY BECOMES REALITY: FATHER BERNARD BOURGEOIS ELEVATED TO MONSIGNOR BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

Congratulations, Father Bernie!

Rev. Bernard W. Bourgeois took courses towards his C.A.G.S. in school leadership at Saint Michael’s from 2007 to 2009. Fr. Bernie, principal of Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, received the papal honors of being bestowed the title of monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI. Fr. Bernie, 43, is one of the youngest priests named a monsignor in Vermont history.

‘By coincidence, the senior class at Rice Memorial had written a comedy ‘Bye Bye Bernie’ for this year’s school stage competition known as ‘Stunt Nite.’ The story line, developed a couple months ago, explained a popular school principal was missing, but was eventually found at the Vatican being promoted by the Pope.

‘Comedy became reality,’ said Sue O’Brien, a school spokeswoman, as the senior class took the top prize. She said the senior class did have to touch up the script for the performance last week after students learned Bourgeois was actually being elevated. The finale for the senior class skit was ‘We Want You Back,’ a modified version of a Jackson 5 hit, O’Brien said.

Bourgeois told the Free Press he was shocked to learn about his elevation and remains committed to the development of the youth at Rice Memorial and across Vermont, a task Bishop Matano highlighted about Bourgeois.

‘It is a recognition of his position of leadership with the young people. The Church must remain connected to our youth,’ Matano said. Bourgeois taught theology for many years at Rice Memorial, which is open to teenagers of all faiths. He has been principal since July 2006 (www.burlingtonfreepress.com). (March 7, 2013)

AOSTRE’S SABBATICAL NEWS

I am thoroughly enjoying my Fulbright semester in Ireland. The people I am meeting here (including bus and taxi drivers, students and teachers) are exceptionally friendly and linguistically gifted. My visits to various school types (religious, interfaith, multi-faith and others, all government-funded) are very interesting. I am focusing on the “ethos” or “underlying spirit” of schools, which roughly translates into the ethical, social-emotional, spiritual and religious curriculum—how it is written and taught. I’m also absorbing as much Irish culture as possible, through concerts, plays, art museums, visits to sacred places and walks in lovely outdoor places.

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