

# + Celebrate THE HoliDaYs

## The Commission Connection

December 2017

### KUDOS CORNER



The Southland College Prep Ambassador Band and the Marching Lady Eagles performed for the first time in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Chicago. Great job!

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMISSION



2017 Renewals

#### Charter School Renewals are Underway

In November, the Commission hosted public hearings to receive community input. See pictures below.

In December, Renewal Evaluation Teams (RET) are conducting site visits.

In January, the Commission will vote on renewal decisions.



Annually, a school's progress is measured by the analysis of the school's academic performance, financial performance and organizational performance.

The assessment is then compiled into an **Annual Performance Review Report** which is an essential authorizing practice for effective oversight, communication with schools, and public accountability and transparency.

The Commission staff is gearing up to begin this annual assessment.

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

CPS Student and Parent  
Scholarship Information Session

Wednesday, December 6, 2017  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Dyett High School for the Arts  
555 East 51st Street, Chicago

Register Today!

Visit: [ChooseYourFuture.cps.edu](http://ChooseYourFuture.cps.edu)

For more information; email:  
[ChicagoScholarships@cps.edu](mailto:ChicagoScholarships@cps.edu)

# CPS STUDENT & PARENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION



## WHEN?

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## WHO?

- CPS SENIOR students & families are encouraged to attend
- Students MUST have a 3.0+ GPA (weighted or unweighted)
- Students MUST have an ACT of 17+ OR SAT of 860+
- Students MUST be accompanied by a parent or adult

## WHERE?

Dyett High School for the Arts  
555 E. 51st St., Chicago, IL 60615  
FREE Parking Available

## REGISTER TODAY!

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## WHAT TO EXPECT...

- A Strategic Scholarship Fair with over 20 Scholarship Providers
- Scholarship Writing Support Tips from the DePaul University Center for Access and Attainment
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Support
- Highlight of the premier City Colleges of Chicago STAR Scholarship Program
- And more... REGISTER TODAY... SPACE IS LIMITED

## January 25 and 26, 2018

Free Anger Management Professional Development with  
Bryan Anderson of Grab The Wheel

INCS is hosting a free anger management PD. Space is capped at 27 participants per training, so at this time, **INCS is reserving one registration per network/single site until Friday, December 8**. Remaining spots will then be opened up on a first come-first served basis, with priority given to schools who serve both age groups listed below.

**Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade staff:** Register here for the training on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am – 4:30pm.

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade staff:** Register here for the training on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am – 4:30pm.

For more information, contact Stephanie Arias, INCS at [sarias@incschools.org](mailto:sarias@incschools.org)

## March 12-18, 2018

Illinois Arts Education Week

The third week of March is traditionally designated as Illinois Arts Education Week. The 2018 contest is limited to students in grades K-8 who are in public and private schools or those who are homeschooled. The theme reflects the importance of the arts in the history of Illinois since 2018 is celebrating its 200th birthday.

**The contest entries must be postmarked by December 12, 2017.**

Click on the link below for the contest form and information.

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IAEW-CONTEST-FORM.pdf>

## December 20, 2017

Commission Collaborative Workshop  
Location: TBD



**December 31, 2017**  
1st Semester Board Meeting Minutes are due



**January 5, 2018**  
3rd Quarter Enrollment Certification Forms are due.  
Click [here](#) to access the form.

**MA+H+CON**

The Online Competition will be available for students to take between **Monday, January 22 and Friday, March 2, 2018.**

National Competition is on May 5, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois UIC Forum, [725 W Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL 60608.](#)

For more information: click [here.](#)

## ISBE INFORMATION



**Illinois  
State Board of  
Education**

Message from State Superintendent Tony Smith, click [here.](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools is looking for a Senior Policy Manager. Click [here](#) for more information.



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