

Memphis Catholic High  
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# EDUCATION THAT WORKS

November 2006

## 2007 – 2008 Application Process

Memphis Catholic and the Education That Works Program are beginning the application process for the 2007-2008 school year. Information sessions began on **Tuesday, October 24, 2006 and will continue on November 7, 2006 at 6 p.m. and November 11, 2006 at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria at Memphis Catholic.** Parents or students who are interested in coming to Memphis Catholic next year must attend at least one of the sessions. Students are now competing with each other in order to be accepted into the school and for the work study positions. Mimicking the real world, Education That Works will be taking those students who can demonstrate initiative, determination and a drive to prepare for their future. For more information regarding admissions please contact the school at (901) 276-1221.

### Sponsors Share Ideas

In its second month, the results from the new work study program have been tremendous. Sponsors have made positive comments and the students are enthusiastically going to work. In order to build on this momentum, Education That Works brought the sponsors together so that they could share information about what the students were working on, how they were interacting with the students and where improvements could be made in the future.

Students are typically responsible for entry level work, such as scanning, preparing mail outs, entering data and processing mail. In some companies, positions have changed; and the students are responsible for translating documents from English to Spanish, working on spreadsheets and administering new hire testing processes.

The sponsors have found that the students are eager to learn and willing to build new skills. While the students are responding with a new enthusiasm, the program has seen some positive changes in these students ranging from better classroom behavior to prompt arrival to school and an eagerness to excel. The response from the students is that they enjoy being busy and like the new responsibilities that they have been given.

*Results from the sponsor luncheon showed*

- \* *Students are eager to learn new tasks and responsibilities*
- \* *Connectivity for a student is a key component*
- \* *Companies have found creative ways to learn about the students*

In addition to the job task responsibilities, the sponsors shared the different ideas that they have used to engage the students and create a mentoring environment. These ideas range from creative interviewing of the students, to creating spreadsheets about the students that included their hobbies, their likes and dislikes and where they would even like to go to college so that anyone walking by their cubicle could engage the student in conversation. What has been found to be the most important interaction from these ideas is the students' understanding of why his or her job is important. Connectivity allows the students to not only grasp their job task but their role in the overall organization.

## SAVE THE DATE! Community of Champions Reception

NOVEMBER 16, 2006  
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Education That Works will be holding the Community of Champions Reception on November 16, 2006 here at the school. The reception will be an opportunity to show our appreciation to the Champions who made the final decisions to sponsor a student as well as the day to day Champions who work with our students one on one.

“We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate the guidance and support that you have been giving to our students. With your support we are truly creating the future leaders of tomorrow,” said Ted Schreck, Director of Work Study.

The reception, which will be held from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m., will be a great opportunity for potential new sponsors to meet our current sponsors and gain a first hand realization of where we are going with the program. If anyone has a someone that they wish for us to invite, please let us know so that we may include them when we send out the invitations.

## Under Construction... Revamping The Past

With the help of some very generous donors, Memphis Catholic is receiving a much needed face lift. Having remained unchanged in over fifty years, it was time to bring the school into the twenty-first century. And what better time than to make the change when the school itself is evolving.

2006 saw the beginning of construction and the new Education That Works program. As a result, the building is being changed to reflect the new attitudes of the students and the atmosphere of the school.

Starting with the new marble lobby, the school now reflects a like style. From new flooring and paint to new desks, the school different place. Mr. Pohlman, President of Memphis Catholic, school is now more representative of what the students will find company offices. We wanted to find a way to bridge the environment with the school environment.”



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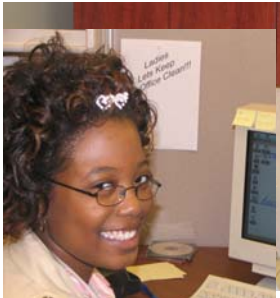
It must be working; because Alumni who have come to the a remarkable change from what was to what will be. Students, who attend the school can see the changes and with it, a new sense of pride has come.

However, there is still much to do at the school. Many projects, such as converting to central air and adding new windows to the rear of the building will have to wait until further funding can be found.

Despite the changes at Memphis Catholic, the school continues to hold true to the basic promise that every student has God given talents and that our mission is to provide an opportunity for them to explore those talents.

## What's Next?

As we gear up for the 2007-2008 sponsor drive, the Education That Works staff are finding out some very important things.



One, there is no limit to what the students can do. If a company is willing, the students can exceed all expectations. The main thing may be shier than others, but Given a chance, the work that entry level position on which the students are young, they industries from the ground up.

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Recent articles in the *Memphis Business Journal* indicate that companies have found that the current hiring pool in Memphis is unqualified, largely due to being under-educated and under-motivated. What we are creating with Education That Works is the future of Memphis. We are working with companies to shape candidates in the new hiring pool. These candidates will be educated self-starters with skills earned from working in multiple environments with devoted mentors. These students will have an opportunity to walk away from each work study position with a real world reference and a resume that will help them succeed



As we look toward 2007-2008, we will continue to grow and build on what we are learning. Our students will continue to understand and apply what they are learning at work to their daily lives. Memphis will one day see the resurrection of its prime candidates.

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## Changing One Life At A Time...

### *a Message from the Director*



**Thank You!** These two words cannot be said enough to you, our Champions. The opportunity and vision that you are providing for our Memphis youth on a daily basis are outstanding.

Education That Works was conceived from the needs of the Memphis community and the future of our business market. As we work day to day with our student workers, let us remember the vision of "changing one life at a time."

Your interaction with the student workers assigned to your organization is critical. It cannot be stressed enough that, as with any employee, these student workers need to be shown the connection between the work they are assigned and the goals of the organization.

The future of Education That Works is bright! Please contact Kerri Blair or myself at any time to discuss student performance, brainstorm ideas or any other matter.

Finally, I ask you to consider your Renewal for the 2007-2008 school year. We hope you are enjoying the experience that you are providing these students. Also, we hope that you will continue on the journey with us as we touch more lives in the years to come.

Thank You and God Bless

**Ted Schreck**

## Upcoming Events

Date	School Event	Work Event
November 1, 2006	School Closed	Sophomore Work Day
November 7, 2006	Open House for interested students and parents 6 p.m. – 7 p.m	
November 10, 2006	Student evaluation of Sponsors due	
November 11, 2006	Open House for interested students and parents 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	
November 16, 2006		Community of Champions Appreciation Reception 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
November 22 –24, 2006	Thanksgiving Break – No School	Thanksgiving Break – No Work
November 27, 2006		Student Evaluations Due
December 8, 2006	School Closed	Sophomore Work Day
December 15, 2006	Exam Day	Freshman Work Day
December 18 – 20, 2006	Exam Day	Senior through Sophomore Work Days
December 21, 2006 – January 2, 2006	Christmas Break – no School	Christmas Break – No Work
January 3, 2006	School Resumes	Work Resumes – Sophomore Work day

*We are currently looking for sponsors for the 2007-2008 school year and we need your help. If you know of a company or organization that might like to participate in the Work Study Program by offering a position or sponsoring a student, please let us know.*

Please check us out at [www.memphiscatholic.org](http://www.memphiscatholic.org) for the latest information and articles about Education That Works



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# **Community of Champions**

**AIMS Logistics**

**Associated Catholic Charities**

**AutoZone**

**Baptist Memorial Hospital**

**Catholic Diocese of Memphis**

**Church Health Center**

**Comtrak**

**Dress for Success**

**Federal Express**

**First Mercantile**

**First Tennessee**

**Junior Achievement**

**Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation**

**Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau**

**Methodist Hospital**

**Mid America Apartment Communities**

**Morgan Keegan**

**Pathmark Transportation**

**Pietrangelo Cook Law Firm**

**RE Transportation**

**Realty Title**

**Regions Bank**

**Saint Francis Hospital**

**Shelby Systems**

**Southeastern Asset Management**

**Sun Trust Bank**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## **Education That Works Referral Form**

Company / Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Contact Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Date /Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email, fax or mail this form to the Education That Works office as soon as possible so that we may get to work on the 2007-2008 school year sponsorship!

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