

***IER Network @ John Carroll University
Professional Development Programming
2009-2010***

To provide a forum for teachers, principals, parents and others within the greater Cleveland community to discuss effective practices for shared leadership, to develop action plans for addressing current challenges, and to continually renew themselves personally and professionally in meeting the demands of education in the 21st century.

IER Network Mission

Teachers, principals, staff members and parents across the greater Cleveland community are invited to participate in the 2009-2010 professional development opportunities being presented by the Institute for Educational Renewal Network. All events will take place at John Carroll University in University Heights.

To register, or for more information about the IER Network, please call Monica Bruck at 216-397-3073 or e-mail to mbruck@jcu.edu. A map and directions to the campus are available at www.jcu.edu/maplocal.html. Participants will receive certificates of attendance.

Speaker Series:

Cyberbullying: A Shared Discussion for Educators and Parents
Thursday, November 19, 7-9 p.m., Dolan Science Center

What do *you* need to know about cyberbullying to keep your children safe and encourage responsible behavior? IER's guest panel includes Attorney John Chambers, Lieutenant David Novinc of the University Heights Police Department, Avon Middle School Principal Dr. Craig Koehler, and Todd Walts of Campus Impact.

**No charge for registration. Refreshments will be provided.
Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 12.**

Embracing Diversity: A Conversation for Educators and Parents with Dr. Theron Ford
Thursday, January 28, 7-9 p.m., Dolan Science Center

What does "diversity" mean to you? How can we embrace it as a society and as individuals? Dr. Theron Ford, Assistant Professor of Education at John Carroll University, engages parents and educators in a shared conversation around this vital topic.

**No charge for registration. Refreshments will be provided.
Deadline for registration is Thursday, January 21.**

An Exploration of Math and Science for Teachers, Parents and Their Children (Grades 4-8) with Mark Waner and Arthur Gugick

Thursday, March 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dolan Science Center

Immerse yourself in math and science with John Carroll University's Dr. Mark Waner, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and Beachwood math teacher, Arthur Gugick. Discover the thrill of math and science through hands-on learning experiences.

**No charge for registration. Refreshments will be provided.
Deadline for registration is Thursday, March 11.**

John Carroll University Graduate Course:

Closing the Achievement Gap I: Comprehensive Literacy in a Developmentally and Culturally Responsive Environment

Dates: TBA (January-April 2010)

Time: 4:45-8:45 p.m.

Location: Dolan Science Center

K-8 educators explore components of comprehensive literacy through six separate sessions including:

- Introduction to Comprehensive Literacy
- Developmentally and Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Writing Workshop focusing on Independent Writing
- Reading Workshop focusing on Independent Reading
- Word Study within a Literacy Framework
- Tying it All Together for Student Success

**2 graduate credits from JCU will be offered for \$300.
Deadline for registration is Monday, January 10.**

The Institute for Educational Renewal (IER) is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging students and teachers in elementary and middle schools in rigorous and meaningful academic work that results in high achievement for all learners. In partnership with John Carroll University, IER offers comprehensive professional development services that involve administration, teachers, staff, students and families in creating great schools in the greater Cleveland area.

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