

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS..

Dear School Leaders,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the month of October. The crisp mornings and warm afternoons are good for the soul and spirit.

This past week the Catholic Schools Office engaged in an opportunity to renew and reflect as a team participating in a two day retreat at Jesus the Good Shepherd in Calvert County. Dr. Christina Mendez-Hall facilitated activities for the team to revisit and review the current Mission Statement for Catholic Schools and prioritize elements of a developing vision statement. Wendi Williams led the team through envisioning activities to develop priority objectives for the 2023-2028 Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Strategic Plan. In the coming months, we will spend time with the Board of Education, school leadership and pastors to engage in a similar way as we look to our stakeholders to support the development of our new strategic plan.

I would like to introduce to you Jennifer Monger who is serving as a newly hired Curriculum Coordinator. Jennifer will support Vicky McCann in her leadership role of leading academics and instruction for our Catholic schools. An introduction video can be found in this week's Friday Update on page 3. Please help me welcome Jennifer to the Catholic Schools Office.

Also in this week's Friday Update, the Catholic Schools Office has several trainings in the coming weeks for leadership, staff, counselors and nurses. Please pay close attention to the opportunity for students to "Ask the Cardinal" (perhaps about his new Titular Church) on page 7. This is an excellent way for our young people to learn and become more familiar with Cardinal Gregory.

Lastly, I look forward to the ESPA Principals Retreat later this month. I look forward to spending time with our inspiring principals in reflection and prayer.

Saint Therese of Lisieux, Pray for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Branaman'.

Kelly Branaman

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MASTER CALENDAR

Monday, October 11, 2021 Columbus Day APC Closed	Wednesday, October 13, 2021 ADW Board of Education Meeting 6:00p - 8:00p - virtual
Monday, October 18, 2021 Fall Counselor PD part one 9:00a - 12:15p (virtual)	Tuesday, October 19, 2021 New Principal Meeting - 12:00p - 3:30p Archbishop Neale School, La Plata, MD
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 ESPA Retreat/ESPA Executive Committee Meeting 4:00p - TBD	Thursday, October 21, 2021 ESPA Retreat 9:00 a - 4:00p - TBD
Friday, October 22, 2021 ESPA Retreat 9:00 a - 4:00p - TBD	Monday, October 25, 2021 Fall Counselor PD part two 9:00a to 12:15p (virtual)

MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Review Open House Listing [HERE](#) – email Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org with any additional dates or edits.

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CSO UPDATES



WELCOME!

Jennifer Manger

**To meet our new
Curriculum Coordinator**

[CLICK HERE](#)

2021-2022 Directory of Catholic Schools

The 2021-2022
Directory of
Catholic Schools
can be found [HERE](#).

Policies for Catholic Schools

The Policies for Catholic Schools - 4th Revision was shared with school leaders on Friday, September 17. The policies have been updated to reflect new policies related to how archdiocesan elementary schools set and publish tuition rates (see Section 4000). You can find the Policies for Catholic Schools – 4th Revision [HERE](#).

Monthly Resourceful Articles

As a digital strategy to increase prospective family and parent social media followers, The Catholic Schools Office will share monthly resourceful articles written by staff members. These articles will be shared on adwcatholicschools.org and social media. We encourage schools to also share the content on their social platforms and with the school community.

Please check out the latest post, *Breathe in... breath out... Elementary schools incorporate daily practices to help with anxiety of returning to in-person education*, written by Laney Park, Counseling Services Coordinator. Her article can be found [HERE](#).

Rediker Software Training Sessions

For those who were unable to attend any of the Rediker trainings, you can find each of the recordings [HERE](#).

If you have any other questions regarding Rediker, or need more support, please contact Jeremy McDonald (mcdonaldj@adw.org)

Delegating Nurse Training

Monday, October 4 (9:00 – 4:00)

Wednesday, October 6 (9:00 – 3:00)

Via Zoom – Register your School Nurse [HERE](#)

General Nurse Meeting

Wednesday, October 6 (1:00 – 3:00)

Via Zoom – Link will be emailed to Nurses.





Raiser's Edge – Professional Development Session 10.7.21

The CSO will host a Raiser's Edge (RE) professional development session to assist archdiocesan elementary schools with increasing engagement with their alumni and constituent base on **Thursday, October 7, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.** The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of how RE should be utilized to increase alumni engagement and fundraising outcomes, and the CSO plan to support schools to do so. The meeting login details are listed below:

Raiser's Edge Utilization Goals General Overview Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85429156822?pwd=L1ZXbHRjYkx0TEJGd0ZaVFVxdjc2dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 2915 6822

Passcode: 6nZr1u

Please click [HERE](#) to confirm your attendance for this upcoming meeting. A response is requested by **Monday, October 4, 2021.**

Please contact Sean Brown, Manager for Funding & Enrollment, at browns@adw.org if there are any questions.



HSPT Registration Reminders

- Registration for the HSPT will open on **Monday, October 18, 2021.**
- Attending students will access the registration form through the ADW Catholic Schools website by selecting the button option “My student currently attends an ADW elementary school.” The link can be found [HERE](#) and in Appendix B. Please note this button will not be available until 9AM on October 18.
- The window for selecting High School Choice(s) will open at the same time as registration, on Monday, October 18, 2021. Students and parent/guardian may modify their High School Choice(s) up until Sunday, December 12, 2021.
- School leaders are asked to distribute both the letter and registration instructions in Appendix B to parents/guardians at the appropriate time.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASK THE CARDINAL VIDEO SERIES

The ADW Communications Office is planning to launch a new YouTube series: Ask the Cardinal.

They have asked schools to submit questions from students in grades K-12 to Wilton Cardinal Gregory.

Schools can film the questions themselves including the name of the school and send them in through the link [HERE](#).

Please contact Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org with any questions.

