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THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

It's October and I am grateful for the change of season and to mark the close of our first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. The CSO team has been working to continue engagement with school leaders in various meetings with school groups, COVID pandemic management, school visits, and overall support to you and your communities. Please know that we continue to keep you all in our prayers as you lead through another remarkable school year. We are here to support you and your priorities. This past Wednesday, we had the opportunity to work with the Archdiocesan Board of Education, sharing the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) visioning exercise and development of strategic priorities for the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. With such great feedback and vision, clearly articulated with this advisory group, we eagerly look forward to working with principals, and our other stakeholders in this process in the coming months.

Next week, we have the privilege of joining elementary principals on their annual retreat. A few members of CSO leadership will be able to join the principals for the opportunity for prayer, reflection and fellowship. Please keep us all in your prayers as we find time in our busy schedules to renew ourselves as Catholic leaders. Included in this week's Friday Update, you will find important information in the Master Calendar, including the upcoming Collaboration PD day, the New Principals and school counselors meetings. Also, please browse the engaging professional development opportunities for teachers. Lastly, please consider the invitations to standard-base grading webinar, and an innovative book study, with Jennifer Monger - Teacher as Curator: Formative Assessment and Arts-Integrated Strategies by Lisa Donovan.

We also ask our high school leaders to please submit a nomination(s) for the 2021 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Awards- Novice and Veteran. Although, there will be no HSPA fest this year, it is incredibly important that we highlight teachers who demonstrate and are committed to excellence and the spiritual growth of our young people. Thank you for this important recognition.

Please pray for the end to this pandemic and healing for all. I encourage everyone to practice self-care, as well, as continuing your care of your communities. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10*

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MASTER CALENDAR

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 - Location TBD	Thursday, October 21, 2021 ESPA Retreat 9:00 a - 4:00p - Location TBD
Friday, October 22, 2021 ESPA Retreat 9:00 a - 4:00p - Location TBD	Monday, October 25, 2021 Fall Counselor PD part two 9:00a to 12:15p (virtual)
Friday, October 29, 2021 Collaboration PD Day (all regions) 8a-2p - Virtual	Monday, November 1, 2021 Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints Day (APC closed)

MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Review Open House Listing [HERE](#) – email Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org with any additional dates or edits.
- Claim school Niche profile page [HERE](#) – email Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org for support or questions about Niche.
- Complete safe environment training assurance [HERE](#).
- Submit your HSPA veteran and novice teachers nominations [HERE](#)

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



SAVE THE DATE!

Resource Teacher Meeting

December 9, 2021 / 9:00-2:00

St. Mary of the Assumption School,
Upper Marlboro, MD.

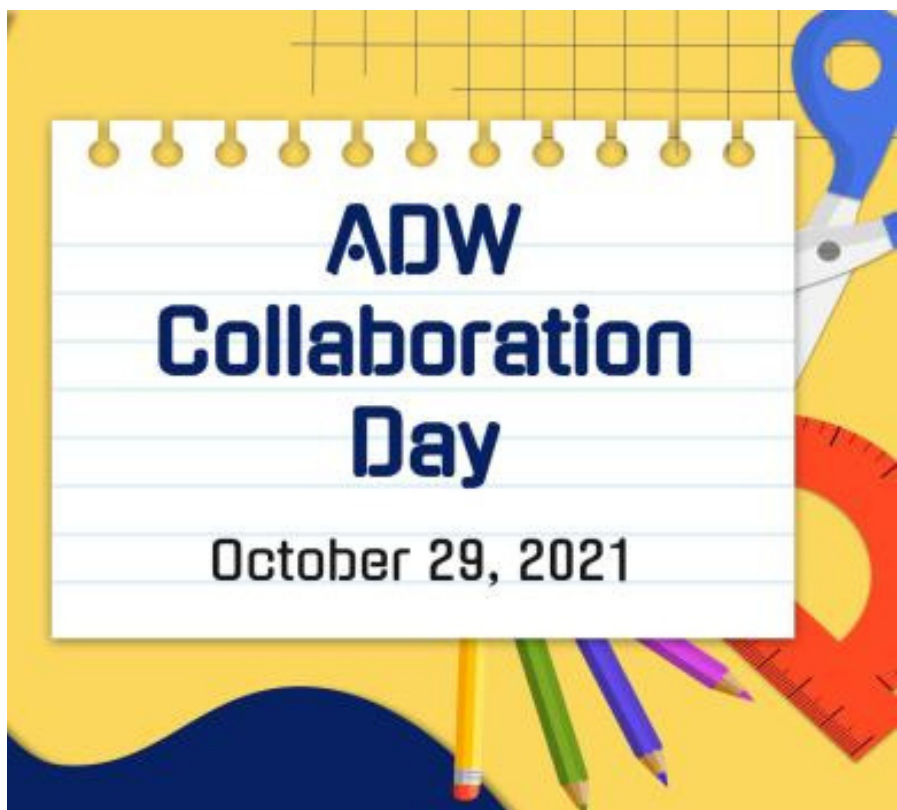
Agenda and Registration Links will
be sent in November.

REGISTER NOW

Join your ADW colleagues at our Fall Collaboration Day during the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers will participate in unforgettable learning experiences rich in innovative ideas, best practices, and sharing what works. Don't miss this opportunity to join your fellow educators to teach, lead, and learn together!

[Click here to register](#)

You will not pre-select sessions, instead you are welcome to attend any session on the day of the event. If helpful for you, feel free to Bookmark your favorite sessions in the Agenda tab so you are ready to jump in and learn!



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

STANDARDS BASED GRADING WEBINAR

Confused about Standards Based Grading in grades PK-3?
You're not alone!

Join Vicky McCann to review standards based grading guidelines, gradebooks, and report cards.

When: October 19, 2021 from 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Where: [Click here to register](#)



FREE BOOK STUDY

Join Jennifer Monger as you dig into the book, [Teacher as Curator: Formative Assessment and Arts-Integrated Strategies](#) by Lisa Donovan.

Teacher as Curator provides a roadmap for using creative strategies to engage both educators and students in the learning process. Focusing on key qualities of culturally and linguistically responsive arts learning, chapters specifically demonstrate how arts integration strategies and formative assessment can be a catalyst for change in the classroom. [Click here to sign up today!](#)

- Online using Schoology
- November 2 - 24: Reading, discussion, and reflection will continue a few sections at a time each week with online discussions.
- December 6: 1-2 page reflection paper due
- Completion of this book study will earn you 1 MSDE continuing education credit.

Increase School Visibility: How to Claim Your School Profile on Niche

As a strategy to expand digital marketing for ADW schools, the Catholic schools office has partnered with Niche. To benefit from this partnership, all schools are highly encouraged to claim their Niche school profile page. Please see instructions and links below, contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org for support or questions.

What is a profile and why should you claim it?

- It's FREE – click [HERE](#)
- Log-in credentials
- Virtual tour button
- COVID-19 update box
- Keep information up to date
- Monthly profile reports

The screenshot shows the Niche website's 'Claim Your School' page. At the top, the Niche logo is on the left, and navigation links for K-12, Colleges, Graduate Schools, Scholarships, Places to Live, and Places to Work are in the center. On the right, there are 'Log In' and 'Sign Up' buttons. The main heading is 'Claim Your School' with the subtext 'Get access to manage your school's profile on Niche'. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter a school or college' and a blue 'Start' button. Three benefits are listed: 'Track Engagement' (See user activity for your Niche profile—plus your competitors), 'Update Your Data' (Help us keep your data as up-to-date as possible), and 'Upgrade to Premium' (Showcase your school and motivate next steps—apply, visit, etc.). At the bottom, there is a colorful illustration of a city skyline with a large yellow domed building in the center, flanked by other buildings, and a blue checkmark in a circle above the central building.

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Raiser's Edge Professional Development Giving Programs – 10.28.21

The Catholic Schools Office will host the next Raiser's Edge virtual training on **Thursday, October 28, 2021** at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide an information and instructions about how to utilize Raiser's Edge to provide operationalize giving programs to support fundraising efforts.

Please register [here](#) to confirm your attendance for this upcoming meeting. A response is requested by Tuesday, October 19.

Please click on the meeting link below to participate in this virtual meeting on Thursday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m.

[Raiser's Edge Meeting Link](#)

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

Upload to Cognia - Annual Archdiocesan Financial Communication – Policy #4610

As a reminder, please upload into Cognia a copy of your school's annual archdiocesan financial communication (policy #4610). Please click [here](#) to view a customizable template that can be used as a guide when uploading this information for your school. The format of the archdiocesan financial communication is at the discretion of the school as long as the requirements of the policy, which are listed below, are present.

Annual Archdiocesan Financial Communication - Policy #4610

All Archdiocesan Catholic Schools shall provide families and parishioners annually, by October of each school year, an Archdiocesan school/income expense report and a current status of the school financial report.

Please contact Sean Brown, Manager for Funding & Enrollment, via email at browns@adw.org if you have any questions.

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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.



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.

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.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ASSURANCE

Please complete the survey [HERE](#) to assure all students in at your elementary, middle or high schools received safe environment training and records of compliance are maintained according with the Child Protection Policy of the Archdiocese of Washington (Sec. 4.5) and Policies for Catholic Schools. For questions contact Chris Buchleitner to BuchleitnerC@adw.org

2021 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award

Each of the Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to participate in the 2021 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award by selecting two teachers of the year, to be featured in the Catholic Standard. The High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Awards were established to recognize the devotion of veteran and novice Catholic secondary school teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington. They speak to the value we all place on faithful service, excellence, best practices, and innovations in Catholic secondary school teaching. We look forward to receiving your nominations to recognize two teachers from among your many distinguished and dedicated faculty.

There will not be a HSPA feast Mass and ceremony this year, however we hope you will celebrate your awardees with your school community in the most honorable and appropriate way. The archdiocese will have plaques made for all Catholic schools that choose to participate in this award program. Using the online award winner form [HERE](#), please provide the name of the awardees from your school (One teacher selected from your veteran faculty pool, and one teacher selected from your novice teachers in their first, second, or third year) no later than **Friday, October 22, 2021**. The Lucian Company will produce the plaques and deliver them directly to your school. Find the general criteria for each award [HERE](#).

STREAM Committee

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office is in search of educators and school leaders to serve on the PK-8 STREAM Program Committee.

The purpose of the STREAM Program Committee will be to develop a curricular framework for an integrated STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math) program that will provide opportunities for PK-8 students to become innovative, compassionate, and systematic problem-solvers in preparation for their future studies and vocations.

We encourage educators and school leaders across all ADW PK-8 schools, grade levels, and content areas to consider serving on the STREAM Committee.

For more information and to submit an interest form, please visit the link below. Thank you for your interest in being part of this exciting opportunity for ADW Catholic Schools!

Interest Form Link [HERE](#).



CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO



The American Federation Pueri Cantores, in partnership with St. Mary's Seminary & University, invites your choir to be a part of this enriching and inspiring return to singing!



2022 Mid-Atlantic Youth Choral Festival and Mass

for Mixed Voice and Treble Choirs (grades 4-12)

Saturday, March 12, 2022 • 5:30pm

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

409 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Archbishop William E. Lori, Celebrant
Dr. Richard Robbins, Guest Conductor

MP3 rehearsal tracks & Professional Development Credits are available.



Singers will have the opportunity to meet and sing with seminarians from St. Mary's!