

# THE FRIDAY UPDATE



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

In the last month, I have often reflected on many small blessings we receive, in the stewardship and care of our students. The month of May honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. The faithful, with diverse feast days and celebration, honor Our Lady, giving her praise and devotion for her unending love of God and her virtuous life. Like our Blessed Mother, we continue to pray and care for our children, day-in-and-day-out without fail. Asking Mother Mary to intercede for us in even the tiniest matters, our hearts and minds remain centered with faith and love and confident in our vocation of living and teaching Gospel values.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who have accepted the invitation to attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington or another educational opportunity. We are confident that this new beginning will be the first step in even more success for them. This week, I shared with you in an [email](#) regarding leadership transitions in the archdiocesan elementary schools. Please join me in offering prayers to those leaders who also are beginning anew in the coming school year.

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In this edition of the Friday Update, I encourage schools to promote the upcoming virtual Catholic High School Fair. You will find the electronic PDF flyers in English and Spanish, that can be shared with families of rising 7th and 8th graders. Registration is now open and can be accessed on our website. Also, please see information on the annual Summer Institute, an excellent professional development opportunity for educators. Again, please be reminded of the calendar dates and Master To-Do items for the end-of-the year.

Lastly, I pray a very happy and blessed Mothers' Day for all women who have chosen to be Catholic school educators and spiritual mothers to the children in our schools. God bless you always. O Mary, Queen of the Heavens, pray for us!

Kelly Branaman



## MASTER CALENDAR

- **Monday May 10, 2021.** DC ESPA Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Zoom
- **Tuesday May 11, 2021.** MC ESPA Meeting, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Zoom
- **Wednesday May 12, 2021.** PG ESPA Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Zoom
- **Thursday May 13, 2021.** SoMD ESPA Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Zoom
- **Saturday, May 15, 2021.** Virtual Catholic High School Fair, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Tuesday May 18, 2021.** ESPA Conference Day, 9a – 2 p.m. Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Solomons (Zoom available)
- **Tuesday May 18, 2021.** General Nurse Meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Zoom
- **Wednesday May 19, 2021.** ADW Board of Education, 6-8 p.m. Virtual

## MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Promote Virtual Catholic High School Fair to 6th and 7th grade students and families
- Complete and Submit 8th Grade Visit Schedule Preference Form
- Complete Hispanic Enrollment Initiative Survey

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### **Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Culture!**

During the month of May, we celebrate in our #ADWcommUNITY the Asian American and Pacific Islander culture. Asian and Pacific Island Catholics in the United States embody a rich and deep history of Catholicism, a synthesis of traditional Catholic practices infused with the unique cultural characteristics particular to each of the various ethnic groups that make up those identified as Asian and Pacific Islander. During this month, we offer this prayer from the USCCB document *Encountering Christ in Harmony* A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters.

#### Prayer for Encountering Christ in Harmony

God of all harmony and source of our faith,  
loving Father who chose us to be your own  
and formed us together as one family in Christ,  
send forth your Spirit among us.  
May our encounters with Christ, your Son,  
through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread  
remind us of our identity in Christ  
amid the multitude of cultural heritages  
present in your Church today.  
May our encounters with the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and with the communion of saints,  
strengthen us so that we may sustain  
and pass down the Catholic faith of our ancestors and elders  
from one generation to the next.  
May our encounters with one another,  
in our families and parishes,  
nurture more leaders among us,  
that they may answer your call more readily,  
encountering Christ in Harmony  
and look to Christ, our Savior,  
as the example of humble service.  
Enliven our hearts this day and always,  
so that, going forth into the world,  
we may become better servants of your Word  
and bearers of your love for all to see.  
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who strengthens us in faith,  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
who binds us together in love and harmony,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY



### **Answering the Call**

As we know, May is the Month of Mary and Pope Francis is asking everyone to call upon the intercession of the Blessed Mother this month, for an end to the Covid pandemic. The initiative will involve all the Marian Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic. Pope Francis opened the Marian month of prayer on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms, and each day the Vatican News broadcasts the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome, time from the various Marian Shines around the world taking part in the initiative.

Cardinal Gregory will lead the recitation of the Rosary from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. We encourage all schools to prepare to celebrate not only on that day, but throughout this month as we unite our #ADWcommUNITY to our global Catholic community.

This would also be a great opportunity to learn more about the Marian shrines around the world as a way to celebrate the Month of Mary in a deeper way this year. See [this website](#) for a list of the different shrines participating.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### 2021 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE TEACHER INITIATIVE GRANT

Want to implement something new to engage students in your classroom but don't have the funds to make it possible?  
Apply for a Teacher Initiative Grant!

#### CALENDAR

May 21, 2021: [DEADLINE EXTENDED! Click here to apply!](#)

Early June, 2021: Winners & Awards Announced

July, 2021: Winners receive awards in Class Wallet accounts and can begin spending

Fall 2021: Teachers implement projects

Jan 31, 2022: Teachers must have spent all grant funds

**PURPOSE:** To support Archdiocesan teachers with mini grants to develop and implement engaging, innovative classroom-based instructional projects that improve student learning.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All PreK-12 full-time and part-time teachers, including core and auxiliary courses. Teachers can submit an application individually, or collaborate with one or more teachers at their school. The grant award will be the same, regardless of the number of teachers on the application. Teachers who received an incentive grant in the previous school year are not eligible the next year.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** This grant is supplemental and therefore, the funds should be used to do something you wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to do. The grant should not replace local or school funds for activities already occurring in the classroom. Think about how you can enhance a specific unit you will be teaching or expand a program you are currently doing regardless of the learning environment (in-person, hybrid, or virtual). Activities should be creative and extend the curriculum. We have a limited number of grants to award, so projects are chosen based on how creative and engaging they are for students. Be creative!!

**ELIGIBLE ITEMS:** Instructional materials, including but not limited to books, math or other classroom manipulatives, supplies and materials, computer software, technology, etc.

**INELIGIBLE ITEMS:** Grants cannot be used for classroom furniture, field trips or guest speakers and cannot supplant local funds (i.e. workbooks for your Math curriculum that couldn't be afforded). Applications requesting technology (i.e. ipads or printers) or educational software for general classroom use are ineligible because you must tie any request to a specific learning unit or classroom project.

**AWARDS:** Maximum award \$1,000. No minimum award.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Brian Radziwill at [radziwillb@adw.org](mailto:radziwillb@adw.org) or 301-853-5357

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Gain New Teaching Expertise and Credentials with Online Professional Development Courses

This summer, you have the opportunity to increase your expertise as an educator and earn Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) credits through affordable online courses.

The Nonpublic Summer Institute is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education via Title IIA. Online classes are two weeks long and offered with two start dates.

### [Registration, Course Descriptions, Syllabi, and Textbooks here.](#)

#### Online Session 1:

June 21 – July 2, 2021

- Assessment for Reading Instruction
- Creating Engaging Environments that Support Social/Emotional Growth
- Danielson Training (in-person)
- Digital Tools
- G Suite for Teachers
- Historical Thinking: Strategies to Engage Students in the Past
- Inclusion: Accessible Education for All
- Making it Meaningful with Multimedia: Teaching with Creativity
- Methods of Reading Instruction
- Methods of Teaching Reading in the Content Area Part 1
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Next Generation Teaching and Learning
- Using Science Inquiry in the Classroom
- Using STEM in the Classroom to Develop Problem-Solving Skills
- Using Student Assessment Choice to Motivate Student Learning
- Using Technology in the Teaching of Reading and Math
- Utilizing Today's Technology in the 21st Century Classroom
- Utilizing Today's Technology in the Non and Emergent Reader Classroom
- Your School Is Going 1:1, Are You Ready?

#### Online Session 2:

June 28 – July 9, 2021

- Creating Engaging Environments that Support Social/Emotional Growth
- Google Apps in Education
- G Suite for Teachers
- Integrating the Arts
- Internet Resources, Safety and Ethics
- Materials for Reading Instruction
- Meeting the Needs of the Highly Abled
- Methods of Teaching Reading in the Content Area Part 2
- Orton-Gillingham Intermediate Course
- Processes and Acquisition of Reading
- Responsive Classroom
- Seminars in Education: Curriculum Development
- Social-Emotional Well-Being in the Classroom
- Using Learning Targets to Guide Student Success
- Using Technology in the STEM Classroom

#### **COST**

**Educators employed by a nonpublic school located in Maryland: nonrefundable \$50 per course fee + textbook. Educators employed in nonpublic schools located outside of Maryland: nonrefundable \$100 per course fee + textbook.**

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**General Nurse Meeting  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Agenda Topics:

- General Updates
- CUA Partnership
- Reflection on 2020-21 School Year
- Policy vs. Guidelines
- Topics in Health
- How to Close-out the Health Room

Contact [dillona@adw.org](mailto:dillona@adw.org) for more information.

### Summer Programs 2021

Click [HERE](#) to view opportunities available at schools.

If you want to add your school to the list, email details to Anne Dillon at [dillona@adw.org](mailto:dillona@adw.org)





## MARKETING & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

### Virtual Catholic High School Fair



The Virtual Catholic High School Fair will take place on **Saturday, May 15 from 9AM – 12PM**. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 12.

Please share this with 6th and 7th grade teachers to share information about the event with students and families. Please contact Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org) if you have any questions.

Below you will find the electronic PDF flyers in English and Spanish that can be shared with families of rising 7th and 8th graders. Registration is now open and can be accessed on our website.

[English Flyer](#)

[Spanish Flyer](#)



### 2021 8th Grade High School Visit Schedule

The 2021 Catholic High School Visit Schedule will be provided in August 2021.

To assist with this process, please complete and submit the online survey that was distributed to ES school leaders on Thursday, May 6. Please note there is an additional question on the form to confirm preference for in person or virtual visits.



**HAPPY ASIAN AMERICAN  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH!**

Please share any on going activities:

[quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org)

Need suggestions on how to celebrate?

Check out some resources to help you in your celebrations [HERE](#).

We encourage you to share your community celebrations using the hashtag

#ADWCommUNITY