

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

At the beginning of the school year, I asked us to remember Philippians 4:13- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. During this school year, due to your exemplary leadership, students have continued to learn and grow spiritually and academically. You have supported your teachers in making learning personal for each student and you have fostered strong relationships throughout your community. Thank you for all you have done to continue to remain open in-person and serve His children and bring them closer to Christ.

In the last Friday Update of the 2021-2022 school year, we want to congratulate all of our Golden Apple Award winners. We are so proud of all our teachers, and even more pleased to have the opportunity to honor these ten teachers in such special ways, with celebrations, including family and friends in the communities. Also, I'd like archdiocesan school leaders to mark their calendars for our annual Data Summit, to be held on June 23. School leaders and an assessment team member are encouraged to attend this important meeting to discuss data for schools.

As we start the summer, I hope you have planned to take a well-deserved vacation to enjoy time with loved ones. During this time away, take time to reflect on all that you have accomplished. I also hope that you reflect on how important your role is in the mission of the Church and all that you have achieved in creating a strong Catholic identity in your school community.

God bless you and I look forward to a fresh new year, in August!

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Branaman".

Kelly Branaman

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MASTER CALENDAR

June 15-17, 2022

Danielson Training

8a - 3:30p, St. Pius X Regional School, Bowie

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Farewell to Wendy Anderson

5-6:30p, – RSVP [HERE](#) by June 10

Thursday, June 23, 2022

2022 Data Summit

9a - 11:30a, St. Pius X Regional School (Nelson Hall)

August 1-4, 2022

New Principal Orientation

9a - 3p, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville

August 4, 9 and 11, 2022

Superintendent's Roundtables

12p- 3p, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville

August 8-11, 2022

New Teacher Orientation

9a- 3p (location TBD)

Monday, August 22, 2022

Opening of Schools Mass

10a, Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, DC

MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Submit 8th Grade Matriculation Data
 - Click [HERE](#) to view 2022 summer programs options available.
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2022 GOLDEN APPLE WINNERS

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools is happy to present the 14th annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our teachers were honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education. Congratulations to each of them!



The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue were the parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in five dioceses around the country.



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2022 CARDINAL'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Archdiocese of Washington 2022 Cardinal's Award for Catholic Citizenship is awarded annually by each Archdiocese of Washington Catholic high school to a graduating senior who exemplifies in his or her school life and personal life the attributes of Catholic principles and values. The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office is pleased to announce and congratulate this year's list of recipients:

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| • Claire Deausen | The Academy of the Holy Cross School, Kensington, Maryland |
| • Abram Urbanski | The Avalon School, Wheaton, Maryland |
| • Francesca Smith | Bishop McNamara High School, Forestville, Maryland |
| • Maggie Tobin | Brookewood School, Kensington, Maryland |
| • Ashley Donatelli | Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Maryland |
| • Sean E. Morgenstern | DeMatha Catholic High School, Hyattsville, Maryland |
| • Melissa Guillen | Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg, Maryland |
| • Trevon Marshall | Georgetown Preparatory School, Bethesda, Maryland |
| • Citiana Belayneh | Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Washington DC |
| • Michael Husk | Gonzaga College High School, Washington DC |
| • Cody Alessi-Bunnell | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Olney, Maryland |
| • Thomas Reimer | St. Anselm's Abbey School, Washington DC |
| • Adrian Magdaleno | St. John's College High School, Washington DC |
| • Mia Gonzales-Jackson | St. Vincent Pallotti, Laurel, Maryland |

congratulations!



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ENROLLMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

HSPT-Prep Course

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will host a High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep Course this fall. The course is open to all 8th grade students enrolled for 2022-2023. Registration is now open!

Please share the flyer linked below with current 7th grade families.

[HSPT Prep Course Flyer](#)



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2022 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE TEACHER INITIATIVE GRANT

LIVE NOW!!!

LAST CALL!



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:

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| May 16, 2022 | Application opens for teachers |
| June 16, 2022 | Application Deadline |
| Late June, 2022 | Winners & Awards Announced |
| July, 2022 | Winners receive awards in Class Wallet accounts and can begin spending |
| Fall 2022 | Teachers implement projects |
| Jan 31, 2023 | 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.

QUESTIONS: Contact Brian Radziwill at radziwillb@adw.org or 301-853-5357



2022 Data Summit

Archdiocese of Washington Catholic elementary principals and one assessment leader from each school are invited to the Data Summit. Come and listen to a presentation from our new assessment platform, NWEA.

Register [HERE](#)

Date: June 23, 2022

Time: 9:00am - 11:30am

St. Pius X Regional School (Nelson Hall)

14710 Annapolis Road

Bowie, MD 20715

Breakfast and refreshments will be served.

Parking and entrance in the rear of the Church.



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Opening of Schools Mass – August 22, 2022 – 10am Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Significant Anniversary Recognition

Employees

This year, we are pleased to share that the Opening of Schools Mass, will be celebrated on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Our celebrant, His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, will recognize significant anniversaries for schools, Catholic school educators and employees in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

We are asking you to submit names of those administrators, teachers and school staff who are celebrating a significant anniversary – 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years in Catholic education! This service includes Catholic education in any (arch)diocese. Please submit the names of your faculty and staff [HERE](#). Please be sure to include their email address (where they can be reached during the summer), as special Mass invitations will be mailed to them, in July. Thank you to all who contribute to the faith formation and academic excellence of Catholic education and we look forward to seeing you all on August 22nd.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Christina Mendez-Hall at mendezc@adw.org.



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Significant School Anniversaries

Schools

This week, you would have received an email, sharing significant school anniversaries that the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has listed, according to records, for recognition at the annual Opening of Schools Mass, on August 22, 2022. We are so grateful for the long-standing commitment you, your faculty, and staff have given to embody the legacy of academic excellence in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Schools are recognized for 50th, 60th, 70th, 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th, 95th, or 100th anniversaries and increments of 5 years, thereafter. Please see the list below, of the schools and their years of operation. If your school is not listed and should be included, please contact Michelle Lawyer, at lawyerm@adw.org.

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| Little Flower School, Great Mills | 1887 | Southern Maryland | 135 |
| St. Anthony School | 1922 | DC | 100 |
| Archbishop Neale School | 1927 | Southern Maryland | 95 |
| St. Anselm's Abbey School | 1942 | DC | 80 |
| St. Bernadette School | 1947 | Montgomery County | 75 |
| Holy Cross School | 1962 | Montgomery County | 60 |
| St. Bartholomew School | 1962 | Montgomery County | 60 |
| St. John the Baptist School | 1962 | Montgomery County | 60 |
| St. Columba School | 1962 | Prince George's County | 60 |
| St. Mary School of Piscataway | 1962 | Prince George's County | 60 |
| St. Pius X Regional School | 1962 | Prince George's County | 60 |

His Eminence, Cardinal Gregory, the celebrant, will present a Papal Blessing to each school. Pastors, presidents and principals of the honored schools, are invited to come forward to receive the recognition. ***Please confirm your anniversary by July 1.*** Congratulations, again, on the occasion of this wonderful milestone, and we look forward to seeing you on August 22.

