

THE FRIDAY UPDATE

A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear School Leaders,

Thank you to all the school leaders who joined the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) earlier this week for the annual Superintendent's Conference Day. Special thanks to St. Mary of the Assumption for their wonderful hospitality! This year, our main focus is cultural competency within our school communities, and I really appreciate the open dialogue and engagement during these workshops, led by Dr. Stephanie Savick. Hopefully, each of these sessions was thought-provoking and continues to be helpful information for you and your staff.

Thank you also for your intensive work for reflections of our work for accreditation. Your participation and input are invaluable, as we prepare for the National Visit in March. Please stay tuned for more information, as planning unfolds.

Next week, the entire CSO team looks forward to visiting your school and joining in activities in celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2020. Please remember to share your events with us by using both #CSW20 & #ADWFamily in your social media posts. What a great time to show all of the wonderful things happening in Catholic schools in the ADW!

Thank you again for all that you do to lead and proclaim all that is great about Catholic education.



Secretary for Catholic Schools



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Master Calendar

Sunday, January 26 - Saturday February 1
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thursday, February 6

ESPA Exec. Meeting
9:30 AM | Pastoral Center

Friday, February 7

2019-20 School Educational Technology Survey DUE

Monday, February 10

MC ESPA Regional Meeting
9:30 AM | St. Francis International School

Monday, February 10

DC ESPA Regional Meeting
2:30 PM | Blessed Sacrament School

Wednesday, February 12

PG ESPA Regional Meeting
9:30 AM | Holy Redeemer, College Park

Wednesday, February 12

PG/DC Superintendent Teacher Advisory Committee
12:30 PM

Thursday, February 13

SoMD ESPA Regional Meeting
9:30 AM | Father Andrew White, S.J. School

Thursday, February 13

SoMD Superintendent Teacher Advisory Committee
12:30 PM

Saturday, February 15

ADW EdCamp
9 AM | St. Pius Regional X School

Monday, February 17

President's Day - CSO Closed

Wednesday, February 19

AdvancED STEM Certification
12 PM | Cardinal Hickey Academy

Wednesday, February 19

ADW Board of Education Meeting
6PM | Pastoral Center

Friday, February 21

Scantron Testing Window Ends

Friday, February 21

Teacher Recruitment and Retention Committee
9:30 AM | Pastoral Center

Save the Date

Thursday, February 27
Counselor Networking Meeting
8:30 AM | St. John's School (Clinton)

Monday, April 27, 2020
New Draft of the Social Studies
Standards Review
St. Mary of the Assumption School,
Family Life Center
Workshop: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Lunch will be provided
Sign up today!

Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for
8th Graders
10:30 AM | Basilica of the National
Shrine



Assurances Due

Maryland Schools Only- The school has completed the mandatory state fire drill form and has mailed it to the MSDE offices. Upload of report required.

Due January 31, 2020

#ADWFamily Feature

check out the Hatton Family one of many @stm_raiders families positive impacted by the opportunity scholarship program.

-@stmraiders

THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Read the full Catholic Standard article [HERE](#)

ACTION ITEM

CSO/ADW
SUPPORT CONTACT

Academics & Leadership

- Review 2nd quarter report cards (1-8) and 1st semester report cards (PK-K)
- Students take Scantron mid-year assessments (2-8)
- Complete Schools Educational Technology Survey click [HERE](#)
- Do not begin working on your schools 2020-2021 Rediker School Calendars; further instructions will be sent by February 14th
- Each school should now have their Scantron bill for the current school year. Please pay the bill promptly

Vicky McCann

Shannon Norris

Jeremy McDonald

Enrollment Management

- Remind prospective new parents about the tuition assistance application deadline for new families
- Support families with completing TAD's applications with a "poor" rating
- Contact Miryan Cabrera for Spanish translation support for CSW open houses
- Review January Elementary Open House schedule on adwcatholicschools.org
- Implement marketing and enrollment management plan to include open houses and re-registration

Sean Brown

Miryan Cabrera

Anna Quattrone

Golden Apple Awards 2020

On **May 7, 2020**, the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will host the 12th annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.

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.

ADW teachers, parents and students are invited by their principal to annually nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award. Please direct them to submit a nomination form to the principal by January 31, 2020. All individuals nominated are then to complete a Golden Apple application form to submit to their principal by February 14, 2020. After reviewing the nomination forms and applications forms, a committee at each school will select one teacher that will represent the school by February 21, 2020. The selected teacher's application is then scanned and attached to an email to Wendy Anderson (andersonw@adw.org) at the Catholic Schools Office by **February 28, 2020**. **Applications will only be accepted electronically in a single PDF document. No late applications will be accepted.** The CSO will send an email to the principal when the application is received.

A selection committee made up of former Golden Apple winners, administrators, board members and parents will then evaluate the entries and chose 10 winners with the approval of the Secretary for Catholic Schools. A dinner in honor of the winners will be on May 7, 2020 where each of the 10 teachers will be presented a golden apple, a Certificate of Achievement, and a check for \$5,000.

Please distribute the nomination form to your school parents and teachers through your weekly communication method and publicize the award. We encourage all schools to participate and celebrate the extraordinary teachers who provide such benefit to our Catholic schools.

- nomination form
- application form
- information on the process

2020 Golden Apple Timeline

January 31, 2020

All nominations to Principal

February 14, 2020

School level nominees submit application to principal

February 21, 2020

School's Nominating Committee chooses school's nominee

February 28, 2020

Application of school's selected nominee to Wendy Anderson

March 2020

Winners Announced

May 7, 2020

Golden Apple Awards Dinner



High School Decision Dates

Academy of the Holy Cross

Thursday, February 27 (mail)

Friday, February 28 (email)

Archbishop Carroll High School

Friday, February 21

Bishop McNamara High School

Thursday, February 20 (mail)

Friday, February 21 (email)

Brookewood School

Friday, February 21

Connelly School of the Holy Child

Friday, February 28

DeMatha Catholic High School

Friday, February 21

Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School

Friday, February 28

Elizabeth Seton High School

Thursday, February 20

Georgetown Preparatory School

Thursday, February 27

Georgetown Visitation

Thursday, February 27 (mail)

Friday, February 28 (email)

Gonzaga College High School

Friday, February 28

Our Lady of Good Counsel HS

Thursday, February 20 (mail)

Friday, February 21 (email)

St. Anselm's Abbey School

Thursday, February 27 (mail)

Friday, February 28 (email)

St. John's College High School

Thursday, February 27

St. Mary's Ryken High School

Thursday, February 20

St. Vincent Pallotti High School

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart

Friday, February 28

Marketing & Enrollment Management

Catholic Schools Week 2020 January 26-February 1

Catholic Schools Week is here!

Please share your upcoming activities with us by using #ADWFamily & #CSW20 in your posts! We will be featuring posts on our website, check out everything going on across the archdiocese by visiting adwcatholicschools.org.



Winter Open Houses

Open House Window:

Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 8

Please review the open house schedule posted on www.adwcatholicschools.org/elementary-k-8/ to confirm/add your school open house date. Contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org with any changes.

Don't forget to tag us in your open house social media promo @ADWCathSchools

Hispanic Enrollment Initiative

If your school community is in need of translation support for open houses in January, please contact Miryan Cabrera at cabreram@adw.org. Assistance will be available on a first come first serve basis.

BOOST Scholarship Coalition Website

We'd like for families to be informed about the new BOOST Scholarship Coalition and website. It is a great way of improving overall awareness of BOOST, informing parents about BOOST advocacy efforts in Annapolis, and identifying and recruiting parents to get involved. In order to spread the word about this great initiative, please follow the three-step instructions below. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brian Radziwill at radziwillB@adw.org or Kwane Drabo at draboK@adw.org. Thank you for your support!

- Please insert the "Proud Participant of Maryland BOOST" banner on your school website. When you insert the banner onto your school website, please hyperlink the banner with this web address: www.marylandboost.org
- Please send a brief statement to your families introducing the BOOST Parent Coalition. Here is a sample message: Parents, please check out a new website for the Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition www.marylandboost.org. The BOOST Scholarship Coalition is dedicated to ensuring that Maryland students have access to high-quality, affordable and diverse educational options, such as our school. There are opportunities for you to sign up for the BOOST Action Network and when doing so, if you click the checkbox to become a Parent Ambassador, you can help the efforts to share positive stories about BOOST with legislators and ensure this program continues for years to come. Parent and community advocacy is critical so if you have benefitted from BOOST, please consider signing up to get more involved!
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Curriculum & Professional Development

Winter 2020 Courses Announced!

[Click HERE](#) to view the course library and register

- Reading in the Content Area Part 2
- Assessment for Reading Instruction
- Processes and Acquisition of Reading
- Inclusion: Accessible Education for All
- Materials for Reading
- G Suite for Teachers

Wednesday Course, 1 MSDE Credit Differentiated and Personalized Learning: Tech Strategies to Empower Students

In-Person Dates: April 22, 2020 AND May 13, 2020
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM | Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral
Center, 5001 Eastern Ave NE, Chillum, MD 20782
Cost: Free

[Register HERE](#)

Mastering the Basic Math Facts Workshop

Register for our one-day workshop on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Due to an overall theme of math computation in our Fall Priority Standards, the Catholic Schools Office would like to help our ADW teachers with strategies to use in their classroom.

Presenter: Sue O'Connell

Recommended Grade Level: Grades 1-4

In today's math classroom, we want children to do more than just memorize math facts. We want them to understand the math facts they are being asked to memorize. Gain insights into the teaching of basic math facts, including a multitude of instructional strategies, teacher tips, and classroom activities to help students master their facts while strengthening their understanding of numbers, patterns, and properties.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM | The Academy of Saint Matthias the
Apostle, 9473 Annapolis Rd, Lanham, MD 20706

[Register HERE](#)

Science Assessment

The Scantron Science Assessment testing window is from April 20, 2020 – May 29, 2020. Students in 5th and 8th grade that are enrolled in a school that has BOOST Scholarship students and required to take this exam. In order to meet all requirements of the scholarship, students will take a nationally normed Science assessment focusing only on Life Science. The Life Science portion of Performance Series covers items grouped into three units: Living Things, Ecology, and Science Process Skills.

ADW ED TECH-ER

Information & Resources from the ADW Director for Ed Tech

Newest edition of the ADW
Ed Tech-er newsletter
HERE



MEEC provides its members with opportunities to purchase education hardware and software as well as technology relevant services in an efficient manner and at an outstanding value. MEEC also provides its members' technology relevant services including training and interaction with vendors. MEEC membership is open to K-20 public, private, federal institutions, and public libraries in the state of Maryland. Webinars and In-person seminars are offered by MEEC and its' Vendors throughout the year.

****All MARYLAND ADW schools are members of MEEC. You can contact vendors for quotes on equipment and attend their conference for FREE.**

Save the date April 4, 2020
For more information and registration click **HERE**

Educational Technology

AdvancED® STEM Certification



Meeting
the demands of
the future

AdvancED/Cognia STEM Certification is a mark of distinction and excellence that provides institutions and programs within institutions a research-based framework and criteria for awareness, continuous improvement and assessment of the quality, rigor and substance of their STEM educational program. Many of our schools are doing magnificent things with science technology engineering and math, why not highlight those achievements?

The Catholic Schools Office and Cognia/AdvancED are teaming up on February 19th at Cardinal Hickey Academy to provide all ADW schools with the information needed to pursue a STEM Certification. We will enjoy lunch and be able to ask questions during this information event.

Today more than ever, institutions must prepare their students for careers of tomorrow by fostering and perpetuating enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. AdvancED/Cognia's STEM Certification provides Pre-K-12 institutions as well as programs within institutions a research-based framework and criteria for their awareness, continuous improvement and assessment of the quality, rigor and substance of their STEM educational programs. The Standard and Indicators clearly define the qualities and components vital to creating and sustaining superior, student-centered Pre-K-12 STEM teaching and learning programs, as well as clear expectations for student outcomes and mastery of 21st century skills. Through valid and reliable processes, tools and training, AdvancED/Cognia's STEM Certification ensures that even the most effective educators and programs continually assess and improve to meet the needs and demands of the real world.

So that we can get an accurate head count, please register for this information session at your earliest convenience.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Cardinal Hickey Academy

1601 W Mount Harmony Rd, Owings, MD 20736

12 PM - 2:30 PM

Who: (1-2 staff members per school) - Your STEM committee/team, principals, vice principals, STEM educators, Technology committee/team etc.

What to bring: Your device & note taking tools

Register Now: Click [HERE](#)

Contact Shannon Norris, norriss@adw.org or Wendy Anderson, andersonw@adw.org with any questions.