

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

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What a wonderful week it has been, as we congratulate Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory, our very own Archbishop of Washington, on his recent elevation by the Holy Father. Let us keep him in prayer, and offer our thanksgiving for his support of our schools and families in the last year. Although, we have been advised that there will be no archdiocesan pilgrimage to Rome, due to the pandemic restrictions, please stay tuned for further information from the Catholic Schools Office on resources and activities that you may share with your school communities, regarding Cardinal-designate Gregory's Consistory, as well as, his personal journey to becoming a priest, archbishop and now, Cardinal. Please be sure to check out information on a recent podcast by Dr. Christina Mendez, and Vicky McCann, of the CSO. Dr. Mendez and Mrs. McCann discussed the process and ceremony of the Consistory, in great detail. Also included on the Podcast is Mark Hammett, religion teacher at St. Pius X Regional School. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more.

We are also excited for the upcoming archdiocesan school accreditation, to be conducted by a National

Accreditation Team from Cognia, to be held on November 9-11, 2020. I extend my gratitude to the many principals, teacher-leaders, staff, board members, and other stakeholders who will participate in panels to tell the story of archdiocesan schools and how we have brought our Catholic schools 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to life. We are looking forward to sharing the final report with you, at a prayer service planned for later in November. Please keep us in your prayers, as we have worked quite diligently to share the profound and vital work of the schools of the Archdiocese of Washington.

As always, please review this edition of the Friday Update for important information about the many programs, initiatives and events in the next few weeks. Please know of my continued prayers for the health, safety, and fortitude for all of our schools, during this pandemic and beyond.

Kelly Branaman



MASTER CALENDAR

- **Thursday, November 5:** ESPA Executive Committee Meeting – 9:30am – Zoom
- **Monday-Wednesday, November 9-11:** Accreditation National Team Visit (Virtual) 8:30a – 5:00 pm
- **Wednesday November 11:** CPA Closed – Veterans Day
- **Monday, November 16:** Online HSPT Proctor Training, 10AM –12PM (link on page 5)
- **Wednesday, November 18:** ADW Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm – Zoom
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Training for proctoring the Online HSP, 1PM – 3PM (link on page 5)

MASTER TO-DO CALENDAR

Enrollment Management

- Send reminder about the 2021-22 Tuition Assistance Program Application
- Activate TADS 2021-22 admissions portal
- Share Consider Catholic Schools Virtual Information Sessions (on page 6)

HSPT

- Share HSPT Registration link with parents
- Work with 8th grade teachers and parents on HSPT preparations and online registration
- Distribute and collect Authorization to Release Records forms

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



The month of November is Black Catholic History Month!

During this month, chosen because the feast of St. Martin de Porres and the birthday of St. Augustine are celebrated in November, we look at the important contributions black Catholics have brought to enrich the Church.

To celebrate this month, our Archdiocese of Washington department of Cultural Diversity and Outreach in conjunction with the Tolton Ambassadors DC - USCCB - Daniel Rudd Fund - Archdiocese of Cincinnati - Chicago - Tolton Spirituality Center will be hosting a lecture series entitled Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses: Race, Resilience and Renewal. Spread over three Saturdays in November, the Zoom series will examine the lives of black Catholics who are currently in different stages of the canonization process. The series will conclude on November 28 with the consistory of Cardinal-designate Gregory. This program is free and will be a great resource for those looking to learn more about these holy men and women.

Cardinal-designate Gregory recently addressed Catholic school leaders across the country saying, "How can a child aspire to be what God calls them to be if they do not see and study people, to whom they can relate; people who look like them and have 'walked in their shoes.'" We hope you consider being a part of this free series and encouraging teachers to attend as well so they can incorporate the study of the lives of these holy men and women into their classes. Click [here](#) for more information or to register. Please share this with your #ADWcommUNITY!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Webinar:

Modifications in the Middle School Classroom

Hosted by Brighid McGann Helms,
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.
November 4, 2020
3:00 – 4:00PM



A question that schools often ask when considering including more students with low-incidence disabilities is, “What do we do about middle school?” In this webinar, teachers will learn several guiding principles for making decisions about how to modify middle school curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities.

Zoom Link



Resource Teacher Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020
9:00–2:30 Via Zoom

- Presentations from ADW High School Learning Programs
- Collaboration Time

More details coming soon!

ADWLearn Podcast:

Learn with other ADW educators!
Sharing tools, strategies, and stories to
boost creativity and innovation in your
classroom. Take learning on the go!

Episodes include Teacher Talk,
Community, Blended Learning, and
Engagement. Listen [here](#)

ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING

2021-2022 Enrollment Forecaster Presentation and Workshop

Thursday, November 19
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

The 2021-2022 Enrollment Forecaster will be provided to all school leaders during the week of November 16, 2020. The Enrollment Forecaster is customized for use by each archdiocesan elementary school. The document provides the following data to support schools with the enrollment forecasting process.

- Historical school enrollment data
- Current and historical parish and school census data
- Parish registration data
- Parish Sacrament data
- Retention rate data

The virtual presentation and workshop will provide school leaders with an overview of the enrollment forecasting tool, process and training. All principals are welcome to attend. All new principals during the current and previous academic years will be invited.

Please contact Wendi Williams at williamsw@adw.org if you have any questions.

Please register [HERE](#).

2020 High School Placement Test

HSPT Registration is now open. The link for ***attending students*** to register can be found [HERE](#).

The Access Portal for school leaders to monitor HSPT registration reports will begin the second week of November. An invitation to join the Access Portal will be sent next week from hspt@adw.org.

The High School Choice Window will open on Monday, November 23 and close on Sunday, December 13. If you have any questions or concerns about the 2020 High School Placement Test please contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org

Online HSPT Proctor Training

Training for proctoring the Online HSPT will be offered at the following times:

- Monday, November 16, 10AM –12PM
- Wednesday, November 18, 1PM – 3PM

If your school is administering the Online HSPT, please plan to attend one of these training sessions to learn more about the platform.

School personnel who proctor or administer the HSPT are invited to join. Please register [HERE](#).



Consider Catholic Schools Virtual Information Sessions 2020

Friday, November 6 – 6pm
Saturday, November 7, 10am

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office will host it's last virtual English and Spanish information sessions of the year around Catholic schools admissions, financial aid, and academics on:

Share the registration link [HERE](#) or visit our Facebook page to share each of the events on your school profile.



Gentle Reminder

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.

Schools are encouraged to utilize a customizable template, that can be located [here](#) when communicating the required policy information to their school communities.

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

