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# THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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

Dear School Leaders,

On October 29, I had the pleasure of joining our administrators and faculty in what was perhaps one of the most innovative and engaging professional development days we have had in the Archdiocese of Washington – and it was totally virtual! Kudos to Wendy Anderson, Vicky McCann, and the curriculum and instruction team who have fine-tuned this experience, and to the many presenters and facilitators, who are our very own educators in the Archdiocese of Washington. We are extremely gratified that you shared your expertise and experience with your colleagues, in such a profound and enlightening way. The survey data, shared this week at ESPA regional meetings, revealed the same sentiment of the day. Teachers liked the content and the virtual platform that allowed them to chat and engage with the presenters.

This week, Catholic Schools Office leadership joined elementary principals in regional meetings and we shared the good news of increased enrollment and other updates for leadership. A reminder was also provided for school leaders to give feedback on the strategic plan objective statements. This feedback will support our work with school leaders during the CSO business of the November Conference Day.

Congratulations to Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and Corporate Work Study Program (DBCR) on the appointment of a new president, Mr. Mark Shriver. We are grateful to the search committee and school leadership and look forward to working with Mr. Shriver, Ms. Chapa, and Mr. Blanco to continue the great tradition of DBCR.

This edition of the Friday Update will be the last before the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, I am even more mindful of the many blessings we have as faith leaders in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please know my prayers are with you and your school communities for safe travels and a holiday filled with family and friends.

In Peace,

Kelly Branaman

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# MASTER CALENDAR

Monday, November 15, 2021 High School Learning Specialist Meeting 10:00-12:00 - In-Person (Pope Francis Center)	Tuesday, November 16, 2021 ESPA Conference Day - St. Mary of the Assumption 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 ADW Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Virtual	Thursday, November 18, 2021 SoMD ESPA Meeting 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Virtual
Thursday, November 18, 2021 2nd Qtr. Tech Talk 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Virtual	Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 HOLIDAY- Thanksgiving (APC closed)

# MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Complete safe environment training assurance [HERE](#).
- Submit or update open house date(s) for Catholic Schools Week [HERE](#). Open House dates for 2022 will be updated on December 1 in our [website](#).
- Share the Tuition Assistance Orientation Session [REGISTRATION LINK](#) with your current Spanish speaking families for the November 17 and 18 sessions in Spanish. Details in page 6.



Save the date

**High School Learning**

**Specialist Meeting**

November 15, 2021 - 10:00-12:00

Pope Francis Center

7202 Buchanan Street,

Landover Hills, MD

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

**Resource Teacher Meeting (Agenda)**

December 9, 2021

9:00-2:00

St. Mary of the Assumption School,

Upper Marlboro, MD

Register [HERE](#)

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**Strategies to Differentiate Instruction in the Middle School  
Mathematics Classroom**

This webinar will provide middle school teachers with tools and strategies to differentiate mathematics instruction. Teachers will gain knowledge and insight on how to tier assignments and created open-ended questions to reach groups of diverse learners.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

3:30PM – 4:30PM

Register [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## **Winter Courses**

### **3 Credit Courses**

Details:

- Online Start Date: January 3, 2022
- Online End Date: February 25, 2022
- Cost: ADW teacher \$75.00/course + cost of book

Courses:

- Assessment for Reading Instruction
- Materials for Reading
- Inclusion: Accessible Education for All
- Digital Tools

### **1 Credit Courses**

Details:

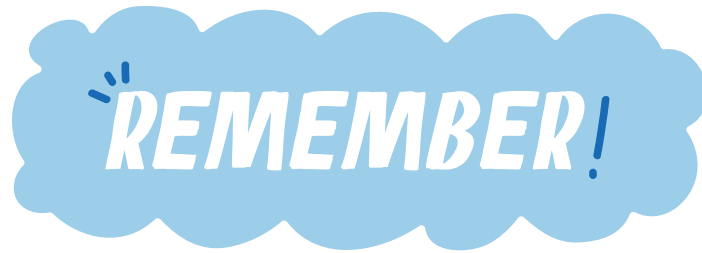
- Live Zoom Sessions every Tuesday from January 4 - February 22
- Cost: ADW teacher \$50.00

Courses:

- Growth Focused Observation and Feedback (10:00 - 11:30AM)
- A Common Vision of Instructional Excellence (3:30 - 4:30PM)

[Click here for more details and to enroll](#)





## **2021 High School Placement Test Reminders**

1. Share HSPT registration link with parents – deadline to apply is **Friday, November 19**.
2. Distribute and collect Authorization to Release Records forms to parents.
3. The 2021 Confidential Student Information form is available in multiple formats on the Principal Portal [HERE](#). The updated form is due to high schools by **Friday, December 10, 2021**.
4. The Access Portal for school leaders to monitor HSPT registration reports is now open [HERE](#). If you need assistance accessing the portal, please send an email to [hspt@adw.org](mailto:hspt@adw.org).

If you have any questions or concerns about the 2021 High School Placement Test please contact Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org)

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## **2022 – 2023 ADW Tuition Assistance Program – Deadline Date Approaching**

As a reminder, the deadline date for returning families to apply for archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2022 – 2023 school year is **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

The deadline date for new families to apply is **Friday, February 18, 2022**. Families may apply online by clicking [HERE](#).

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# ENROLLMENT & ADVANCEMENT

### **Tuition Assistance Orientation Sessions in Spanish are now available!**

The ADW Catholic Schools Office will offer two Orientation Sessions in Spanish for current school families of all schools who are looking to apply for Tuition Assistance and Enrollment for 2022-2023. Resources about the TADS online application, deadline reminders, and requirements to apply for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program will be offered during the following sessions:

- Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 18, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

**Please share the following link with your current Spanish Speaking families for them to register:**

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/ADWCSO1/AsistenciaEnCostosEducativosSesiónDeOrientación2021>

Deadline to register is **November 17 by noon**. Families will get an email with the link to the virtual meeting the day of the meeting. For questions please write an email to [escuelas@adw.org](mailto:escuelas@adw.org).

**REGISTER  
NOW**



**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
November 30, 2021

### **UPCOMING: #iGiveCatholic Giving Campaign**

Archdiocesan elementary schools that have opted in to participate in the upcoming 2021 #iGiveCatholic giving campaign are encouraged to utilize the marketing strategies and tips that are outlined in the 2021 iGiveCatholic Marketing Toolkit, which can be located [HERE](#).

The information contained within the 2021 #iGiveCatholic Marketing Toolkit includes sample customizable information that can be utilized by your school to assist with bringing visibility to this upcoming giving opportunity for your school community. Those archdiocesan elementary schools that previously had a #iGiveCatholic profile created in 2020, have automatically been registered for the upcoming giving campaign.

Please contact Darlene Cruz, Development Operations Manager, for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington at [cruzd@adw.org](mailto:cruzd@adw.org) if there are any questions.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](mailto:BuchleitnerC@adw.org).

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### 2nd Quarter Tech Talk is November 18 - 3:30 P.M.

Let's gather and discuss all things tech!

There will be a product demo and open sharing breakouts based on your interests. Please RSVP - [HERE](#).

For further questions email Tiffany at [Wilsont@adw.org](mailto:Wilsont@adw.org)

