

# THE FRIDAY UPDATE

## A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear School Leaders,

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, calls out the best in all of us, during times of crisis and we ask intercessions from our saints, on behalf of our family, friends, and school communities. During the coronavirus crisis, our school communities have continued to flourish, thanks to you, our school leaders, teachers, and staff. I am truly awed and inspired, especially as we have become an exemplary model, for a seamless transition into this new distance-learning environment. More than ever, we are blessed to be a part of such a strong faith-based school community.

On April 14, I announced that I would be leaving you, in June. These last few weeks, have underscored why my decision was such a difficult one, as I reflect on how the Catholic Schools Office team, and you, have worked so tirelessly to ensure that our schools sustained the mission of our work. I will take this “shining moment” with me, as I move on to the Diocese of Charleston. I have been privileged to work with such faith-filled and committed leaders and take your models of courage and tenacity with me.

As we continue to navigate this unsettling time, I will remain faithful, that we will make it through stronger, and more resilient. Please know of my prayers for you and your communities, and know that my team stands ready to serve and support, in any way we can.

God Bless You,



Secretary for Catholic Schools



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# Master Calendar

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**Monday, April 27**

**SoMD ESPA Regional**

Zoom Meeting | 10:00 AM

**Monday, April 27**

**DC ESPA Regional Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 1:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 29**

**High School Admissions Directors Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, April 29**

**PG ESPA Regional**

Zoom Meeting | 9:30 AM

**Wednesday, April 29**

**MC ESPA Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Weekly School Leaders Webinar**

GoTo Webinar | 4:00 PM

**Thursday, April 30**

**HS Presidents/Heads of School Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 11:00 AM

**Monday, May 4**

**SoMD ESPA Regional**

Zoom Meeting | 10:00 AM

**Monday, May 4**

**DC ESPA Regional Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 1:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 6**

**PG ESPA Regional**

Zoom Meeting | 9:30 AM

**Wednesday, May 6**

**MC ESPA Meeting**

Zoom Meeting | 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Weekly School Leaders Webinar**

GoTo Webinar | 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 13**

**Weekly School Leaders Webinar**

GoTo Webinar | 4:00 PM

**Thursday, May 14**

**General Nurse Meeting**

Zoom Virtual Meeting | 1:00 PM

Link emailed to participants

Questions? Email [dillona@adw.org](mailto:dillona@adw.org)

## *Master To-Do List*

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**Complete and upload March asbestos report**

CSO Support Contact:  
Chris Bucleitner

**Submit end-of-year assurances in ASSIST**

CSO Support Contact:  
Christina Mendez

**Complete and submit all paperwork for I-20s for new and returning international students**

CSO Support Contact:  
Garfield Gardener

## *Welcome, New Principals*

### **Mrs. Catherine Silverstone**

#### **St. Mary School, Bryantown**

Father Rory Conley, pastor of St. Mary School and Parish, Bryantown, is pleased to announce that Catherine Silverstone has accepted the position of principal for St. Mary School beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

Mrs. Silverstone has been the second grade teacher at St. Mary School since 2009 and has made many valuable contributions to the school. She founded and now serves as the faculty advisor to the National Junior Honor Society, serves as a faculty counselor at St. Mary's Service Learning Camp, and additionally, is the Coordinator for the school's National Day of Giving.

On an Archdiocesan level, she has been a facilitator for the ADW Teacher Collaboration Days, a teacher representative on the 2nd grade Social Studies standards committee, and an active Leadership Academy participant.

Cathy has earned a Master's degree in Teaching from Trinity College and a Bachelor Arts degree in Economics from St. Mary's College of Maryland. When asked about being a principal of a Catholic school she stated, "Teaching at a Catholic School is a special ministry which gives me great joy and happiness. I have served the Catholic church for the last twenty-three years as a Catholic educator and believe that I am being invited to continue to do so in a different capacity. The school motto at St. Mary's is, 'Nurturing a life-long love for Jesus, each other, and learning'. I was called to this ministry to help nurture, educate, and love God's children. My journey in Catholic education is not over yet. I hope to continue to serve the church as a mentor and leader to all those in the St. Mary's community."

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### **Mr. Thomas Corrigan**

#### **Holy Redeemer School, Kensington**

Father Mark Hughes, pastor of Holy Redeemer School and Parish in Kensington MD, has announced that Thomas Corrigan has accepted the position of principal at Holy Redeemer School beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Corrigan comes to Holy Redeemer School from Our Lady of Victory School in Washington DC, where he's been teaching 5th grade and middle school social studies and religion since 2014. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Canisius College, majoring in Digital Media Arts, and additionally, holds a Masters of Arts degree in Education. This May, he will complete an advanced certificate program in Education Administration from the College of Notre Dame Maryland.

When asked why he wanted to serve as a principal of a Catholic school, Mr. Corrigan stated, "Serving in a Catholic school allows me to demonstrate my appreciation and gratitude for all that God has provided for me. In a Catholic school, I am able to take my values and freely teach and encourage the same of the students and faculty. I want to be in a position where I can positively affect families, students, and educators to the best of my abilities. The Catholic school environment allows me to fully embrace my faith and pass the joy of the Gospel along to those I teach and collaborate with freely. I am committed to the mission and philosophy of Catholic education and look forward to faithfully leading the community in social, spiritual, and academic success."

# Marketing & Enrollment Management

## 2020 – 2021 ADW Elementary School

### Enrollment Snapshot - TADS Data Extraction – May 1, 2020

Please note that the Catholic Schools Office will prepare the 2020 – 2021 school year enrollment data snapshot for archdiocesan elementary schools as of April 30, 2020. The enrollment snapshot will be obtained through the TADS online enrollment interface. The significance of the May 1, 2020 enrollment data extraction is to provide progress monitoring that will enable schools to make strategic decisions to influence their 2020 - 2021 enrollment.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

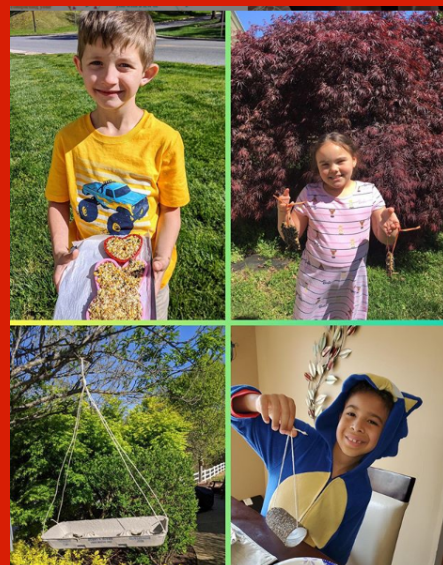
**May 4, 2020 - May 8, 2020**

Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May and we want to digitally feature the incredible educators in our schools! To submit a teacher feature for consideration please send the following information to Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org):

- Teacher's Name
- Grade level & subject(s) nominee teaches
- Photo(s) (portrait or action images)
- Quote about what makes this educator special (this can come from a principal, colleague, or student)



## #ADWFamily Feature



*"If you heard extra happy birds singing in Charles County this #earthday it probably had something to do with our #anseagles and their #makerspace bird feeders! The building is closed but the learning continues. #distancelearning #schoolclosure #adwschools #adwfamily"*  
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## Distance Learning Snapshots

Please continue sharing distance learning snapshots with the CSO to feature on social media platforms. Catholic identity and academic images along with a description can be emailed to Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org).



## Catechist Certification Classes

Online courses for Catechist Certification can still be taken online! Click [HERE](#) to learn more

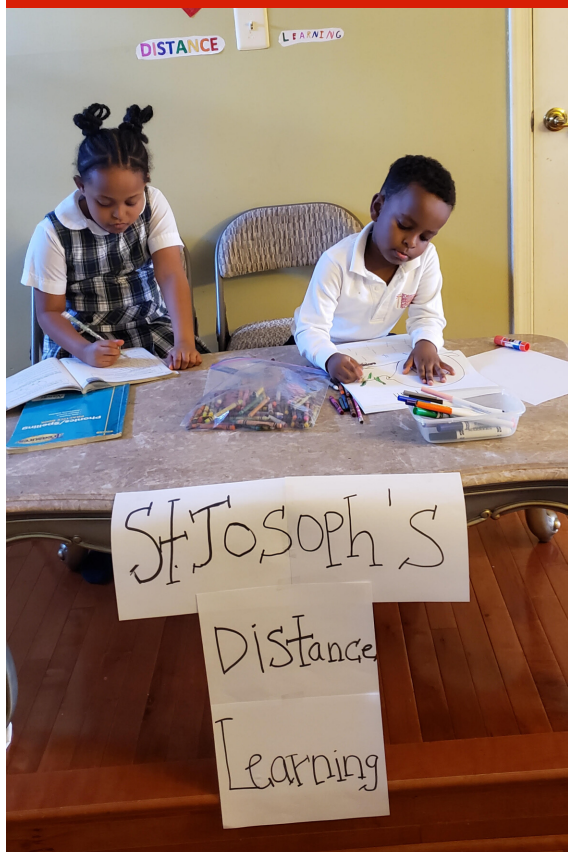
## #ADWUniformChallenge

*"Distance Learning has never looked so studious or so stylish (well as stylish as one can be in a school uniform) St. Joseph's RCS students are dressed for Catholic school success and remote learning!"*

@ADWCathSchools

#ADWFamily

#ADWUniformChallenge!"



## Reminders/Resources

### Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal, state, and local agencies to facilitate a speedy, whole-of-government response in confronting the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), keeping everyone safe, and helping detect and slow the spread of the virus.

Due to COVID-19, the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Response Center is currently receiving a high volume of emails and is working to respond as quickly as possible to stakeholder inquiries. The average email response time is currently between three to five days. Please be aware that some FI I-20 data fix requests may take longer than usual to process. Contact Garfield Gardner, SEVIS Program Manager, at [gardnerg@adw.org](mailto:gardnerg@adw.org) for any questions.

### Distance Learning Resources

Distance Learning Resources for both educators and families can be found [HERE](#)

ADW Family Resources page can be found [HERE](#)

For any schools who feel they may need additional support with distance learning strategies or tools, please contact Shannon Norris, [norriss@adw.org](mailto:norriss@adw.org) and/or Vicky McCann, [mccannv@adw.org](mailto:mccannv@adw.org).