

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

As we conclude Lent and prepare for Holy Week with the much anticipated Easter break, I invite you to reflect on Pope Francis' message at the beginning of Lent "to sow seeds of goodness," during this journey. We have so much to be grateful for and I am always grateful to be on this journey of servant leadership to join you in providing the gift of Catholic education to families in our communities.

As we are quickly approaching the Easter break, please be sure to review the Master Calendar for April events and the Master To-Do List, for the last quarter of the school year. If you are interested, please be sure to explore information regarding the NCEA's annual conference in New Orleans and the virtual attendance option. Please note that the CSO will be closed from April 14-18 for Easter. We will send a separate communication to advise on contacts during that time.

On behalf of the entire Catholic Schools Office, I wish each of you and your school communities a very happy and holy celebration of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Have a blessed Easter and restful break. God bless you always.

Prayerfully,


Kelly Branaman

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MASTER CALENDAR

Thursday - Monday, April 14-18, 2022
Easter Holy Days – Catholic Schools Office closed

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Leadership Academy
12-3:30 p.m. - St. Columba

Thursday April 28, 2022
ADW Tech Leader Summit
9 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Mary's School Landover Hills

MASTER TO-DO LIST

- Invite 6th and 7th grade families to the Catholic High School Fair. See page 5.
 - Register your 8th grade class by Wednesday, April 13 for the Virtual 8th Grade Day out event. See page 8.
 - Register your school to participate in the ADW-CSO Spring Virtual Job Fair. See page 9.
 - Submit details about summer programs offered at your school. See page 7.
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Holy Week is Here!

Our Lenten journey is coming to a close as we enter Holy Week beginning this Sunday with Palm Sunday, however, there is still time to prepare ourselves for Easter!

One of the best ways to prepare our hearts for Easter is to do a little “spring cleaning” in our souls. Thanks to the initiative “The Light is On for You” in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and neighboring Diocese of Arlington, parishes have more frequent opportunities for silent reflection and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More information can be found at <https://thelightison.org/>.

Have you ever attended the Chrism Mass? The Chrism Mass is generally celebrated during Holy Week and is the time the Archbishop blesses the sacred oils used by all parishes in the archdiocese over the next year for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. The priests of the archdiocese will also renew the promises made at their ordination, reaffirming their commitment to Christ, to His Church and to priestly ministry. This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on April 11. You can tune in to the livestream of the Mass here <https://adw.org/event/chrism-mass-22/>



Do you know what a Tenebrae service is?

The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows," and has been applied to the Matins and Lauds prayers of the last three days of Holy Week. This service is marked by a reading from the book of Lamentations and the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights until a single candle, considered a symbol of the Lord, remains. Towards the end of the service, this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place and by its light all depart in silence. The Dominican House of Studies has a particularly powerful service on Spy Wednesday. <https://dhspriority.org/annual-events/>

Finally, participating in all of the liturgies of the Triduum is a great way to really celebrate Easter. The beauty of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, celebrating the institution of the Eucharist as well as the institution of the priesthood. The stripping of the altar at the end of the Mass and the opportunity for adoration is particularly powerful. Good Friday brings us the opportunity to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus as well as celebrate the Veneration of the Cross at the Good Friday liturgy. The Easter Vigil gives us the opportunity to celebrate the joyful triumph of Jesus over sin and death. While a bit long, the beautiful elements of the Paschal fire, blessing of the Paschal Candle, chanting of the Exsultet and welcoming of the newly baptized and those being received into the church are so worth the extra length of this Mass.

May God bless you during this holiest time of the year!



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ENROLLMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

2022 Catholic High School Fair

The Catholic High School Fair will take place on **Saturday, April 23 at The Catholic University, Caldwell Hall**. Schools are asked to display the 2022 Catholic High School Fair posters that were received in the fall. Please contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org if you have any questions.

Registration is now open. Please invite families of 6th and 7th graders to register on our website [HERE](#) or share the digital flyers attached below.

[High School Fair Flyer – English](#)

[High School Fair Flyer – Spanish](#)

The Maryland BOOST Scholarship Program for the 2022-2023 school year is now OPEN!

Please make sure to remind families that deadline to apply is Friday, April 29.

For more information or to apply visit:

<https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

General Resource Teacher Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2022

9:00-2:30 PM

St. Mary of the Assumption, Upper Marlboro

Agenda:

- Audio Book Options
- CAP/ICEP Revisions
- Collaboration Time

Registration Link will be emailed.





2022 Summer Programs

Please share details about summer programs offered at your school. Use this [LINK](#) to provide details.



Special Announcement!

The Catholic School Office is now using Flocknote to deliver the Friday Update to your inbox. *This could result in the Friday Update getting stuck in your junk/barracuda on the first send.* To ensure that these emails land in your inbox and do not go into spam, please add mail@flocknote.com to your email address book or safe senders list.

For questions about the Friday Update contact Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org



Save the Date – 8th Grade Day Out - Thursday, May 5

The day will feature interactive, virtual faith-filled talks for the young women by Julie Marie Carrier and for the young men by Mike Tenney.



The event is FREE! Registration is now open. Please register your 8th grade class by Wednesday, April 13. [Click](#) to access the registration link.

For more information, contact Brian Radziwill at radziwillb@adw.org



**The Catholic Schools Office is hosting a Virtual Job Fair
Saturday, May 14, 9AM-12PM**

The fair will consist of two sessions: a general information session followed by access to a virtual booth set up by the CSO using AccelEvents. During school booth access, potential applicants “visit” your school and interact with you or your staff to get questions answered and possibly have an interview if you wish. You also can opt to have an advertising only booth. Let us know if your school would like a virtual booth to engage potential teaching and support staff for your school.

Please click and complete the form [HERE](#) indicating your preferences and additional information.

If you plan to participate, we will send you an informational session that took place via Zoom. If you have any questions, please email Tiffany at WilsonT@adw.org.

