

# THE FRIDAY UPDATE

## A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear School Leaders,

First, I want to extend my gratitude to all who shared the All Schools Mass invitation with your school communities. I believe that His Excellency was very gratified to know that so many of our students, families, faculty and staff joined him, on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. His homily was so timely and hopefully resonated with our students, no matter at what point in their educational journey they are. I pray that his words also gave you spiritual solace, as we move through these challenging times.

Please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to the 2020 Golden Apple winners! Once again, we have honored some of our most stellar educators in the archdiocese and although, we cannot have our traditional award dinner at this time, schools and the archdiocese are planning to acknowledge them in wonderful ways, later this year. I am deeply grateful to have worked with such devoted teachers and administrators. They, like so many others, continue to be exemplary models of those who make their faith and academic excellence their life's work. Please see more on our winners, on page 2.

Lastly, please keep the Holy Family School community in your prayers. The recent news of the closing of the school, can feel like another loss in this unsettling time, and so, we must uplift them, as much as possible. As I mentioned earlier this week, your prayers and encouragement will be appreciated.

You all are in my prayers for good health and peace, always.



Secretary for Catholic Schools



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# Master Calendar

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**Monday, May 18**  
**SoMD ESPA Regional**  
Zoom Meeting | 10:00 AM

**Monday, May 18**  
**DC ESPA Regional Meeting**  
Zoom Meeting | 1:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**PG ESPA Regional**  
Zoom Meeting | 9:30 AM

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**MC ESPA Meeting**  
Zoom Meeting | 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**Weekly School Leaders Webinar**  
GoTo Webinar | 4:00 PM

**Friday, May 22**  
**Resource Teacher Meetings**  
Zoom Meeting | 2:00 PM  
Link emailed to participants  
Questions? Email [dillona@adw.org](mailto:dillona@adw.org)

**Monday, May 25**  
**Memorial Day - CSO Closed**

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**PG ESPA Regional**  
Zoom Meeting | 9:30 AM

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**MC ESPA Meeting**  
Zoom Meeting | 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**Weekly School Leaders Webinar**  
GoTo Webinar | 4:00 PM

**Friday, May 29,m**  
**Resource Teacher Meetings**  
Zoom Meeting | 2:00 PM  
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## *Master To-Do List*

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**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

**Complete and submit 8th grade visit preference schedule form**  
CSO Support Contact:  
Anna Quattrone

# *Congratulations!*

## 2020 Golden Apple Award Winners



**Tricia Hancock**  
**7th Grade Teacher**  
**Little Flower School, Great Mills, MD since 2016**

"Ms. Hancock's dedication to Little Flower School knows no bounds. She is enthusiastic, energetic, compassionate and a delight to supervise. She has a tremendous dedication to God, her family and her community. We are blessed to have her on our staff."

- Barbara Stirling, principal, Little Flower School

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**Gregory Landrigan**  
**Middle School Social Studies Teacher and**  
**Language Acquisition Coach**  
**Sacred Heart Bilingual School, Washington DC**  
**since 2013**



"Gregory reflects the image of a healthy doctrinally sound and confident teacher that the church needs so much today."

- Reverend Emilio Biosca Agüero, pastor, Sacred Heart Church

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**Germania Rebaudengo**  
**6th Grade Teacher**  
**Saint Bartholomew School, Bethesda, MD since 2002**

"Germania's dedication to her faith and Catholic education is a gift and a blessing to our parish. As pastor, I have a great team of educators with the primary mission to develop lifelong learners. Germania is a leader and an integral part of this team."

- Reverend Mark Knestout, pastor, St Bartholomew Parish and School

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**Jill Rison**  
**Instructional Specialist and Art Teacher**  
**St. Mary School, Bryantown, MD since 2013**

"Mrs. Rison is a great role model for the students. Her own devotion and spirituality to the Lord is shared with her students on a daily basis. She provides excellent and quality instruction in a faith-filled classroom. She is a role model and fosters Catholic identity in our school." –Reverend Rory Conley, pastor, St. Mary Church

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**Harry Rissetto**  
**Theology Teacher**  
**Gonzaga College High School, Washington DC**  
**since 2003**



"Harry's mastery of content is a spectacle to behold. He has an innate ability to boil down complex theological and philosophical concepts, and make them accessible to all the students. It is no surprise that students clamor to take his classes. Likewise, Harry's instructional methods and strategies support student learning in a way that is catered to each student's individual need and each student's personal faith journey."

–Thomas Every II, headmaster, Gonzaga College High School

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**Margaret Rodriguez**  
**5th Grade Teacher**  
**Saint Bernadette School, Silver Spring, MD**  
**since 2006**

"Margaret is an example of Christ's love in action. She also exemplifies the mission of a Catholic School teacher. Personally, I consider her a mentor for how to treat students with compassion and care, while at the same time, holding high standards that will help them prepare for a successful life."

–Ted Ewanciw, Principal, St. Bernadette School

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**Susan Scott**  
**Middle School Math and Religion Teacher**  
**Cardinal Hickey Academy (CHA), Owings, MD**  
**since 2014**



"From a pastoral perspective, I found that Susan is a faithful and practicing member of the Church. She is a faithful member of Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish where she serves also as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, in addition to being a sacristan for the CHA weekly masses.

– Reverend Michael King, pastor, Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish

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**Susan Kelly Sweet**  
**Kindergarten Teacher**  
**Saint Mary School, Rockville, MD since 2001**

“Kelly is a tremendous asset to our parish community. She works in the school, the CCD program, and in the parish. Most importantly, she is an excellent instructor and resource for other teachers. Kelly works every day to make our parish better – from our youngest preschool students to our adults.”

– Reverend Monsignor Robert Amey, Pastor, St. Mary Church and School

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**Kathleen Trees**

2nd Grade Teacher  
Saint Raphael School, Rockville, MD since 2010



“Kathleen is a leader in our community and proudly models for faith to her students and their parents.”

– Reverend Michael Salah, Pastor, St. Raphael Church

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**Luke Young**

**Theology Teacher**

**Saint Mary's ryken High School, Leonardtown, MD since 2010**



“Luke has had a transformative effect on our school, our parishes, and our community as a whole. A number of the young men who are studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington have pointed to him as a model Catholic school teacher, and as the type of Spiritual Father and mentor they hope to become.”

– Reverend Scott Woods, chaplain, St Mary's Ryken High School

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# CSO Teacher Initiative Grant

Want to implement something new to engage students in your classroom but don't have the funds to make it possible? Apply for a Teacher Initiative Grant!

**PURPOSE:** To support Archdiocesan teachers with mini grants to develop and implement engaging, innovative classroom-based instructional projects that improve student learning.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All PreK-12 full-time and part-time teachers, including core and auxiliary courses. Teachers can submit an application individually, or collaborate with one or more teachers at their school. The grant award will be the same, regardless of the number of teachers on the application. Teachers who received an incentive grant in the previous school year are not eligible the next year.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** This grant is supplemental and therefore, the funds should be used to do something you wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to do. The grant should not replace local or school funds for activities already occurring in the classroom. Think about how you can enhance a specific unit you will be teaching or expand a program you are currently doing. Activities should be creative and extend the curriculum. We have a limited number of grants to award, so projects are chosen based on how creative and engaging they are for students. Be creative!!

**ELIGIBLE ITEMS:** Instructional materials, including but not limited to books, math or other classroom manipulatives, supplies and materials, computer software, technology, etc.

**INELIGIBLE ITEMS:** Grants cannot be used for classroom furniture, field trips or guest speakers and cannot supplant local funds (i.e. workbooks for your Math curriculum that couldn't be afforded). Applications requesting technology (i.e. ipads or printers) or educational software for general classroom use are ineligible because you must tie any request to a specific learning unit or classroom project.

**AWARDS:** Maximum award \$1,000

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Brian Radziwill at [radziwillb@adw.org](mailto:radziwillb@adw.org) or 301-853-5357

## Timeline

May 12, 2020

Application Open for Teachers - LIVE NOW

June 5, 2020

Application Deadline

Late June, 2020

Winners & Awards Announced

July, 2020

Winners receive awards in Class Wallet accounts and can begin spending

Fall 2020

Teachers implement projects

Jan. 31, 2021

Teachers must have spent all grant funds

## 2020 8th Grade High School Visit Schedule

The 2020 Catholic High School Visit Schedule will be provided in August, 2020. At this time, we are planning for Catholic high school visits under the assumption that school campuses will reopen on schedule this fall. This plan is subject to change based on the operating status of our schools at that time. To assist with this process, please complete and submit the online survey [HERE](#) to provide information about school preferences and availability.



## 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).

## #ADWFamily Feature



*"Thank you Archbishop Gregory  
for your inspiring and  
encouraging words at the All  
Schools Mass! #ADWFamily  
#ILoveHolyCross"  
-HolyCrossMD*