

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

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Dear School Leaders,

Please accept my gratitude for the important time I've had with principals, this week and collaboration at regional meetings for elementary principals. Staying in touch with each of you, motivates the Catholic Schools Office to continue to support you with meaningful and relevant resources, during this interesting and challenging time.

We look forward to our first ESPA Conference Day next week. Fortunately, many of us have become more practiced and in many cases, expert at virtual meeting platforms. So, I am looking forward to working in small groups on cultural competency, and in-depth discussion about the work that is planned for the year.

We have much to reflect on the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month going on now until October 15, in which the vibrant voices of our Hispanic and Latino community share their stories and pride in their heritage.

It is also Bullying Prevention Month as well. In this edition of the Friday Update, please see the Dr. Mendez-Hall's article on special focus on the Holy Rosary, Missions and Missionaries. Additionally, in the Enrollment and Marketing section, please see important information regarding high school admissions and testing, virtual Open Houses, and the opening of the Tuition Assistance Program application window.

As we await the return of autumn, let us be grateful for the many blessings that we have seen and/or been a part of, despite a challenging time. Let's enjoy the changing of the seasons and abundant joy to share with others.

In Prayer,

Kelly Branaman



MASTER CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, September 22:** ESPA Conference Day (9:00 AM) Via Zoom – Link will be emailed
- **Monday, September 28:** Delegating Nurse Training (9:00 – 4:00) Via Zoom – Link to Register will be sent to Principals
- **Thursday, October 1:** ESPA Executive Committee Meeting (9:30 – 11:30) Monthly on the first Thursday
- **Wednesday, October 7:** Delegating Nurse Training (9:00 – 3:00) Via Zoom – Link to Register will be sent to Principals
- **Wednesday, October 7:** General Nurse Meeting (1:00 – 3:00) Via Zoom – Link will be emailed to Nurses

MASTER TO-DO LIST

- School Emergency Response Plans should be completed by September 30th and uploaded to the assurance database by October 16, 2020.
- The CSO would love to know of any changes in your school counselor status. Please fill us in with this [2-minute survey](#).
- Submit virtual open house dates [HERE](#)

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

On a Mission from God...

Did you know that October is not only the month of the rosary (our Lady of the Rosary, October 7), but is also the month we focus on mission and missionaries (October 18, World Mission Sunday)?



By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries. Some are called to share the message of the Gospel in other countries while most of us are called to be missionaries in our own homes, schools and throughout our #ADWcommUNITY. Now is the time to begin preparing to celebrate these two events in October!

One great way to combine these events is to pray the World Mission Rosary at school and/or with families! The World Mission Rosary, consisting of five different colored decades to represent the regions of the world, is a chance to unite our own #ADWcommUNITY to the family of God as we pray for each region of the world.



For a brochure further explaining the World Mission Rosary click [HERE](#) and stay tuned to the next Friday Update for more resources!

Can't wait? If you want to discuss more ideas reach out to Christina Mendez-Hall at mendezc@adw.org!



Back to School... Back to Business

By Kelly Branaman, Secretary for Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools have launched into a new school year. I could not be more excited for our students nor more proud of our educators. I have faith it will be a year of great promise and potential for all of us. New friendships will be formed, lessons will be learned, memories will be made, and minds, hearts and bodies will grow."

Read the full Catholic Standard article [HERE](#).

October is Bullying Prevention Month!



What can your school do to prevent and respond to bullying?

First, be proactive by creating a positive school environment. You can model and encourage positivity by:

- Giving appreciative “shout-outs” during meetings or in social media
- Having “note fairies” or “random acts of kindness” campaigns
- Inviting community members to be greeters and welcomers
- Teaching and modeling conflict resolution skills (i.e. this [model from Nonviolent Communication](#))
- Having all students/parents sign the ADW Technology and Internet Usage Agreement (available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#))
- Networking with fellow principals for more ideas! ([Here](#) is what some schools are trying.)

Of course, not all bullying is preventable. When you hear of it, you can respond and notice bullying behaviors by:

- Using the staff and student videos and forms available to you free through [Catholic Mutual](#)
- Employing the help of surveillance programs like [Bark](#), [Stop!t Solutions](#), and [Rethink](#).
- Using the ADW resources available on the Principal Portal, [Bully Prevention and Response](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rediker Administration Orientation

Rediker provides online orientation support for those new to Rediker or who want an overview. Click on the session name to enter.

Session 1 – Review at: [Play recording](#) Password is: ADW-01

Session 2 – Tues 9/15 at 3:25pm – [AdminPlus Attendance and TeacherPlus Sync](#) –

Session 3 – Weds 9/16 at 3:25pm – [Gradebook Administration](#) –

Session 4 – Thurs 9/17 at 3:25pm – [Plus Portals Administration](#) –

Session 5 – Friday 9/18 at 3:25pm – [AP Notify, AdminPlus Mobile App, and Discipline Module Overview](#) –

Session 6 – Monday 9/21 at 3:25pm – [AdminPlus Report Writers and the Excel Wizard](#) –



Delegating Nurse Training

Monday, September 28 (9:00 – 4:00)

Wednesday, October 7 (9:00 – 3:00)

Via Zoom. [Click for Registration](#) – Ends today!

General Nurse Meeting

Wednesday, October 7 (1:00 – 3:00)

Via Zoom – Link will be emailed to Nurses.

Upcoming Weekly Webinars

Webinars are brought to you by the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office. Sessions will be for all grade levels.

Every Wednesday 3:00 to 4:00 PM – Register Prior to each Webinar [HERE](#)

Registration prior to each webinar is required. Attendance is strongly encouraged. Each webinar will be recorded and posted [HERE](#).

For questions, contact Vicky McCann at mccannv@adw.org.

ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING



2021 – 2022

TADS Admissions Portal Opens – October 1, 2020

The TADS admissions portal will become accessible on Thursday, October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 admissions cycle for all archdiocesan elementary schools.

Schools are asked to contact their school's TADS implementation specialist to review their individual TADS admissions module.

Please contact Barbara Quisquiny, at quisquinyb@adw.org if there are any questions or concerns.

Open House Windows

The CSO will implement a digital marketing program to support schools open houses during school year 2020-2021.

Archdiocesan elementary schools are asked to host open houses during the following windows of dates:

- ADW Fall Open House Window:
Sunday, October 18 – Sunday, October 25, 2020
- NCEA Catholic Schools Week:
Sunday, January 31 – Saturday, February 6, 2021
- ADW Spring Open House Window:
Sunday, March 14 – Sunday, March 21, 2021

Please submit your open house dates [HERE](#) to be included in promotional materials.



Catholic High School Admission Reminders

- Elementary schools are asked to schedule the virtual 8th grade visits and provide the instructions to the admission director(s)
- Catholic High School promotional pieces and revised 2020-2021 Admissions Information and Testing Guide were emailed on Tuesday, September 8 to all archdiocesan elementary school leaders. All materials can be found on the Principal Portal [HERE](#)
- All 2020-2021 promotional materials are to be disseminated electronically due to the pandemic.
- HSPT registration opens on Monday, October 26 and will close on Friday, November 20.

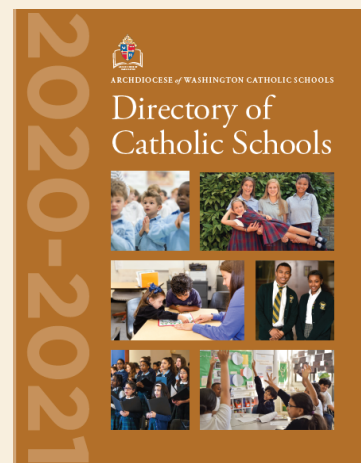
If you have any questions or concerns about the high school promotional materials or admissions information please contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org.



Please share any on going activities to:
escuelas@adw.org

Need suggestions on how to celebrate?
Check out some school, classroom, and
parent engagement activities
recommendations [HERE](#)

We encourage you to share your
community celebrations tagging us
and/or using the hashtag
#ADWCommunity



**The 2020-2021
Directory of Catholic Schools**
is now available on the
Principal Portal.

Please click [HERE](#)
to download the
digital directory.