

THE FRIDAY UPDATE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter to you all and welcome back. I hope this letter finds you rested and rejuvenated from Easter break and ready for the final sprint to the end of the year. It is a joyful (and busy!) week in the ADW as we have been traveling to surprise our ten outstanding teachers who were named as 2023 Golden Apple winners. These teachers have gone above and beyond in exemplifying Catholic values and demonstrating excellence in teaching. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of them for this well-deserved recognition. Their dedication to our students and commitment to Catholic education is truly inspiring.

Additionally, I want to recognize and congratulate the participants of our Leadership Academy for their outstanding work this year. It has been a pleasure to witness the growth and development of these talented educators, and I am proud of their commitment to enhancing their leadership skills to better serve our Catholic schools. I am particularly looking forward to their final meeting, during which each participant will present a passion project that they worked on at their school.

While we are looking forward to celebrating the Golden Apple winners back in person on May 18, 2023, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers, administrators and staff for your dedication and commitment to Catholic education in our ADW schools. Continued Easter blessings to you all!

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman

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Master Calendar

Saturday, April 22

Catholic High School Fair, The Catholic University of America, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday, April 25

ADW Leadership Academy, St. Mary's School, Bryantown MD, 8:00am – 2:30pm

Tuesday, May 2

8th Grade Day Out, The Catholic University of America, 8:30am – 2:30pm

Thursday, May 4

ESPA Executive Committee Meeting, TBD, 9:30am – 11:30am

Friday, May 5

General Resource Teacher Meeting, St. Mary of the Assumption, Upper Marlboro, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Monday, May 8

MC ESPA Meeting, St. John the Baptist, 10:00am - 11:30am
DC ESPA Meeting, Virtual 1:00pm

Wednesday, May 10

PG ESPA Meeting, Holy Redeemer School, College Park MD, 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursday, May 11

SoMD ESPA Meeting, St John's School, Hollywood MD, 9:30am – 11:30am



Master To - Do List

- Submit information for Teacher Appreciation Week on social media. See details on Pg. 4
- Submit your school TADS billing and tuition management contacts for the new TADS Flex contracts on Pg. 5
- Check and share with your school families the list of 2023 Summer Programs on Pg. 8
- Check out the new Professional Development opportunities on Pg. 9

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**2023
GOLDEN APPLE
AWARD WINNERS**



CHERYL KIMM
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, WALDORF



CHRISTINA BUZZEO
PRE-K 4 TEACHER
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, BRYANTOWN



AMY CLAYTON
5TH GRADE TEACHER
ST. JEROME ACADEMY



SISTER MARY OLIVIA
4TH GRADE TEACHER
ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



LURANA HOGAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL



KATIE CAIN
7TH GRADE TEACHER
ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CATHERINE WILLIAMS
1ST GRADE TEACHER
ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL



JEAN ZWALD
PRE-KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
ST. PETER SCHOOL, DC



LAUREN HARPER
5TH GRADE TEACHER
OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL

Congrats!



CAROL CORGAN
RELIGION TEACHER
GONZAGA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Reminders:

- Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week on social media with us May 8-12. Submit features by **Friday, April 28** to Anna Quattrone at QuattroneA@adw.org including the following information: Teacher name, grade/subject, photo(s), quote(s).
- Apply for Bridges for Schools grant of up to \$3,000 to invest in Spanish and bilingual communications, parent engagement strategies, cultural competency, and more! Deadline: **Monday, July 31st**. Please reach out to Barbara Quisquinay for more information at quisquinayb@adw.org
- Sign up to our Admissions and Enrollment Schoology Group. We have created a Schoology group specifically for admissions personal to share ideas, best practices, and resources! If you still do not have a Schoology account or have questions, please reach out to Vicky McCann at mccannv@adw.org



The Archdiocese of Washington CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, April 22 - 11:00am – 2:00pm
Catholic High School Fair, The Catholic University of America

TADS Update

Our contract with TADS will change to TADS Flex on July 1. TADS has agreed to allow us to begin sending tuition agreements on June 1. To learn more about what these changes mean for your school please sign up for a small group virtual information session [HERE](#).

Additionally, please use the form below to provide contact information for anyone else on your team who uses TADS (specifically billing and tuition management).

TADS CONTRACT FORM

If you would like TADS support/training in person or have any additional questions, please contact Madelin Fox at foxm@adw.org

Tuition Assistance Letters

2nd round, tuition assistance letters are distributed to families. Denial letters only go out after 2nd Round, because many families who don't receive an award in round 1 receive one in round 2. Families who did not get aid this year also received a denial letter.

Pastor Tuition Assistance program

Pastors received an email from Kelly Branaman asking them to opt into the Pastor Tuition Assistance program. To streamline the process, pastors only need to indicate their desire to participate and the total aid they request. You do not need to provide school/parish financials or any family information. However, in the fall, auditors will require information on families receiving awards.

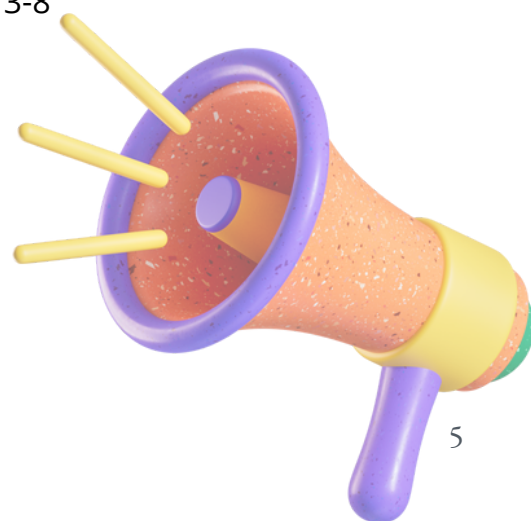
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The test window is open until **May 5th** for students in grades 3-8

MAP Growth

The spring window opens on **April 24th**. Spring term is now live for all students.

Multi-instructor courses can't be created. Please contact Jeremy McDonald to help you set up your courses for spring reporting at mcdonaldj@adw.org





MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in six youth aged 6–17 experiences a mental health disorder each year.

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Since 1949, the initiative has helped bring attention to the prevention and treatment of mental health challenges. It's a great opportunity for teachers, administration, and counselors to take stock of their students'—and their own—health and well-being.

- Here are some [social and emotional learning activities for the classroom](#)- these are great ways to get young people thinking about their well-being throughout the month and all year long.
- Here you'll find a list of [children's books that address emotional, behavioral and learning challenges](#). Choose topics that are appropriate for your students and take care to set expectations around respectful sharing. Invite your school counselor or social worker to the discussion.
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#) is another wealth of helpful information and caregiver resources, with tips for what to do if your child is in crisis, how to advocate for their mental health needs, and where to find professional help locally.

Practical Ideas for Educator Self-Care

Between all the competing priorities at work and at home, your time and energy are already stretched thin and self-care often ends up being last on the list. Here are more practical ideas that don't take up a lot of extra time or money:

- Take action for a healthier you with these [5 research-backed ways to feel happy](#).
- Use your PTO- you deserve a mental health day!
- Tune in to a favorite podcast. A suggestion - HMH's [Teachers in America and Shaping the Future?](#)
- Listen to music that you find soothing.
- Relax with help of a meditation app.
- Spend time with your pets (or your friend's/family's pets).
- Get outside: take a walk around the block, find comfy outdoor seating, go for a hike, or just open a window to get some fresh air.
- Drink Water! Everything works better, mentally and physically, when you're properly hydrated.
- Familiarize yourself with the [warning signs](#) of a mental health condition.



Summer Program Opportunities for Students

LEGO EDUCATION

For information on the Lego Summer Program, please click [HERE](#). To see a video or sign up for an info session click [HERE](#). Please direct questions regarding Lego's Summer Program to Stefanie Chaplauske at stefanie.chaplauske@LEGO.com, calling (862) 296-9719 or schedule a meeting [HERE](#).

Simple Solutions Presents its Summer Solutions

Please see the electronic samples below with the required password. Please direct questions and/or to order books, to Shannon Armstrong, Regional Representative, at shannon@simplesolutions.org. The order form can be found [HERE](#).

To view the sample, click the subject below, choose the book, and enter the password: **Simple2023-24**

[Standards-Based English](#)

[Standards-Based Math](#)

[Spanish Review](#)

[Reading](#)

[Original English](#)

[Original Math](#)

[Study Skills](#)

[Problem Solving](#)

For more information check out this [flyer](#).



2023 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

Check out and share the list of 2023 Summer programs [HERE](#).

We will continue to provide updates in future Friday Updates if more information becomes available

Free Online Safety Presentations - Childhood SMART Program

This is a free program offered by the United States Secret Service in Partnership with the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Content is focused on teaching students online and offline safety.

In-person presentations are available to grades K-2, 3-5, 6-9, and high school. A virtual training session is available for parents, to better understand how to best protect their children when online. Please see this [flyer](#) for more details.

NWEA MAP Growth Testing Window- April 24th to May 24th

Grade	Fall September 12 th -October 12 th				Winter January 9 th -February 9 th				Spring April 24 th -May 24 th			
	Math	Reading	ELA	Science	Math	Reading	ELA	Science	Math	Reading	ELA	Science
K	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO
1	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO	Optional	Optional	Optional	NO
2	All Grade 2 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 2 Students			Optional
3	All Grade 3 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 3 Students			Optional
4	All Grade 4 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 4 Students			Optional
5	All Grade 5 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 5 Students			Required
6	All Grade 6 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 6 Students			Optional
7	All Grade 7 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 7 Students			Optional
8	All Grade 8 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 8 Students			Required

A Look Ahead

- Summer Institute Information and Vendor Provider will be shared in the next Friday Update.
- ADW Summer Course Catalogue will be shared the first week in May.

Professional Development Opportunities in May

Charlotte Danielson 2.0

Topic: Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching -Common Vision

Presenter: Wendy Anderson

Intended Audience: Teachers and Administrators

Note: The information will be duplicated at each session. Two sessions are offered for each of the three-part series, as space is limited. Please register for the preferred session [HERE](#) by April 28th.

Dates:

Common Vision Part One: May 2 or May 3 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Common Vision Part Two: May 9 or May 10 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Common Vision Part Three: May 16 or May 17 from 3:30-5:30 PM

NWEA MAP Growth Presentation

Topic: NWEA Student Growth and Goal Setting

Presenter: Nelson Monroe

Intended Audience: Teachers, Resource Teachers, and Administrators

Note: The information will be duplicated at each session. Four sessions are offered as space is limited. Please register for the preferred session [HERE](#).

Dates:

Monday, May 1st 3:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, May 4th 3:30-4:30 PM

Monday, May 8th 3:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, May 11th 3:30-4:30 PM





General Resource Teacher Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023, from 9:00-2:00 PM
St. Mary of the Assumption, Upper Marlboro

Agenda Items

- High School Programs
- Schoology
- Collaboration Time

The [Registration Link](#) has been posted on Schoology but will also be emailed to resource teachers. We have asked that resource teachers RSVP by Wednesday, April 26th.

Lunch and Learn for Nurses

Our School Nurses will gather on Thursday, April 27th. Nurses will be learning from a specialist who serves children with Diabetes. If nurses have any questions or still need to RSVP, please have them contact Margaret Kenney White (KenneyM@adw.org). Our next meeting for nurses to collaborate will be held in Mid-May.