THE FRIDAY UPDATE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

I hope this letter finds you well rested after the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It was an honor to visit so many of your schools last week and witness the dedication and passion of your students, teachers, and staff. The highlight of my week, of course, was celebrating Mass with Cardinal Gregory, as well as the fun and camaraderie demonstrated during the Minute to Win It games. Our ADWcommUNITY continues to be a source of faith and excellence.

As we move into February, it is important to take a moment to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history, as well as celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our communities. I encourage each of you to plan and participate in meaningful activities that honor this important occasion.

In addition, I am looking forward to the upcoming Spring Collaboration Days, which provides a unique opportunity for teachers to come together, learn, and renew their spiritual witness in the classroom. We are looking forward to holding this professional development day in-person this year. Registration for the event will open the week of February 20, 2023.

Lastly, don't forget about the March open house window for prospective families. This is an excellent chance to showcase the strengths of our Catholic schools and share the benefits of a Catholic education with families who are looking for a supportive and faith-based learning environment for their children.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and the mission of Catholic education. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming ESPA Regional Meetings.

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman

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Master Calendar

Monday, February 13, 2023 MC ESPA Meeting, 10:00am – 12:00pm St. John the Baptist School

DC ESPA Meeting, 1:00 – 3:00pm Virtual

Wednesday, February 15, 2023PG ESPA Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30am
Holy Redeemer School

Thursday, February 16, 2023 SoMD ESPA Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30am Saint John's School, Hollywood

Monday, February 20, 2023 HOLIDAY - Presidents' Day- APC closed

Wednesday, February 22, 2023Ash Wednesday



Master To - Do List

- Share Collaboration Day website link with teachers. Pg. 7
- Submit Spring Open House Dates to Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org and review current Open House schedules <u>HERE</u>.
- Distribute the Golden Apple Award nomination form to your school parents and teachers - Pg. 8





Tuition Assistance Deadline

2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Application Deadline for new families.

As a reminder, the deadline for new families to apply for Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program for school year 2023-2024 is **Saturday**, **February 18**, **2023**.

Families can obtain the link to apply on our website: http://www.adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/



Spring Open House Window - March 18-16, 2023

Is your school planning to host an open house in the spring? Please submit your open house date(s) and time(s) to Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org.

Please review the up to date open house schedule here: https://adwcatholicschools.org/elementary-k-8/open-house-schedule/



Social Media Corner

Thank you to everyone who shared their Catholic Schools Week activities with us by using #ADWcommUNITY & #CSW23! Please continue using #ADWcommUNITY in your social media posts! In February and March, we will be looking for the following topics to share:

- ·Black History Month
- ·Lent Preparation/Ash Wednesday (February 22)
- ·Women's History Month

Tag us @ADWCathSchools or share photos directly with Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org.



High School Decision Dates

The Academy of the HOLY CROSS	Academy of the Holy Cross	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24 at 3PM
	Archbishop Carroll HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
Avalon School	The Avalon School	Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
	Bishop McNamara HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Online Portal: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
Brookewood	Brookewood School	Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
CONNELLY SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD	Connelly School of the Holy Child	Email: Friday, February 24
	DeMatha Catholic HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
DonBosco CristoRey	Don Bosco Cristo Rey HS	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24
EUS Biraketh seton High school	Elizabeth Seton HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
	Georgetown Prep	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24 at 4PM
Georgetown Visitation PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Georgetown Visitation	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24 at 5PM
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	Our Lady of Good Counsel HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 4PM
ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL	St. Anselm's Abbey School	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24 at 3PM
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL EN 1851	St. John's College HS	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Online Portal: Friday, February 24 at 3PM
St. Mary's Ryken A Callege Propository Catholic High School	St. Mary's Ryken HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI — HIGH SCHOOL—	St. Vincent Pallotti HS	Mail: Thursday, February 16 Email: Friday, February 17 at 3PM
Stone Ridge School of the Secret Heart	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	Mail: Thursday, February 23 Email: Friday, February 24 after 4PM

Save the Date Spring Collaboration Day 2023

Friday, March 10, 2023 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Our Lady of Good Counsel (MC Schools) Monday, March 13, 2023 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM St. Pius X Regional School (DC, PG and SoMD Schools)

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

We are so excited to be coming back together in person for our Spring Collaboration Day! We are hoping that this day will be one of inspiration and renewal as we reflect on how our God continues to transform us and "makes us new" as we draw ever closer in relationship with him.

- Keynote Speaker
- Dynamic Breakout Session Presenters
- Community Building Activities
- Exciting Prizes
- Learn more at the website link below!

School leaders are asked to share the link below with teachers. Please note that registration will open the week of February 20, 2023.

> <u>Spring Collaboration Day 2023</u> <u>Website</u>



ABOUT

The Catholic Schools Office will be offering MSDE-Approved Reading Courses and Book Studies beginning March 2023. A registration link will be available in February 2023. Any and all ADW educators are welcome to register for courses.

REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 3

COURSES

SPRING COURSES

- Assessment for Reading Instruction (3 cr)
- Methods of Reading Instruction (3 cr)
- Processes and Acquisition in Reading (3 cr)
- Differentiated Instruction (1 cr)
- Differentiating Math Instruction (1 cr)
- More courses TBA...

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE

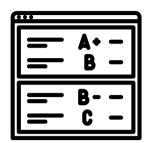
QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

JENNIFER MONGER, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION MONGERJ@ADW.ORG

"Show me your ways, Lord. Teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4



Early Childhood Updates



Pre-K Report Card Subcommittee

The Curriculum Committee is establishing a Pre-K Report Card subcommittee to review our current pre-k report card and develop criteria to implement a report card inclusive of our 3-year-old learners. The next Curriculum Committee meeting is **February 16th at 3:30PM** via Zoom. If you are interested in lending your voice to this subcommittee, please email Jennifer Monger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at MongerJ@adw.org

Certified Medication Technician Training

The CSO will offer Certified Medication Technician (CMT) training to individuals in our schools. This virtual training is a 20-hour course approved by MSDE and certified through the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON).

Criteria for CMT Training

- Employee of the school & is returning for the next school year
- High School Graduate and at least 18 years or older
- Pass a basic math and reading test (which will be administered prior to the training)
- Be present for the 20-hour training program (All four sessions must be attended and trainers are asking that participants have their videos and microphones turned on.)
- Initial certification Fee: \$20.00
- A delegating nurse is assigned to the school

Dates and Time

- Monday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 8th
- Monday March 13th and Wednesday March 15th
- Zoom sessions will be held from 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM
- Math and Reading tests will be scheduled with participants after registration ends, but will be towards the end of February.

Register participants here:

Registration for 2023 CMT Training Sessions

Deadline to register has been extended to – February 15thContact Margaret Kenney White for more information at
KenneyM@adw.org







15th Annual Golden Apple Awards

This spring the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will award the fifteenth annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.

The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue were the parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in five dioceses around the country.

ADW teachers, parents and students are invited by their principal to annually nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award. Please direct them to submit a nomination form to the principal by February 10, 2023. All individuals nominated are then to complete a Golden Apple application form to submit to their principal by February 28, 2023. After reviewing the nomination forms and applications forms, a committee at each school will select one teacher that will represent the school by March 10, 2023. The selected teacher's application is then scanned and attached to an email to Chris Buchleitner (<u>BuchleitnerC@adw.org</u>) at the Catholic Schools Office by **March 21, 2023**.

Applications will only be accepted electronically via a single PDF document. No late applications will be accepted. The CSO will send an email to the principal when the application is received.

A selection committee made up of former Golden Apple winners, administrators, board members and parents will then evaluate the entries and choose 10 winners with the approval of the Secretary for Catholic Schools. In May 2023 each of the 10 teachers will be presented a golden apple, a Certificate of Achievement, and a check for **\$5,000**.

We encourage all schools to participate and celebrate the extraordinary teachers who provide such benefit to our Catholic schools!

Go to the Principal portal>Academic Excellence>Golden Apple Award to find:

- Nomination form
- Application form
- Information and eligibility requirements