

# THE FRIDAY UPDATE



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

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Dear School Leaders,

On behalf of the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), Kudos! to all of you for another exciting, enlightening, and enjoyable *Catholic Schools Week* (CSW) of activities. My staff and I thoroughly enjoyed the many innovative activities, reimagined into virtual informative and fun times for so many students and families. One such wonderful event, was the announcement of the 2020-2021 ADW *Distinguished Principal of the Year* Ms. Elise Heil, principal, Sacred Heart School in Washington, DC. So richly deserving, Ms. Heil has been principal at Sacred Heart since 2014. Congratulations, Ms. Heil and we salute your servant leadership!

CSW also dovetailed with the beginning of *Black History Month* and I had the privilege to participate in a virtual meeting with Martin Luther King, III and students at St. Peter, DC. The son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., reminded us striving to live in peace and that social justice is a goal for all people. Please see more resources to share African Americans' contributions to fighting for justice, equality, and human dignity on pg. 5. These resources also include information on Black Catholics in our very own Archdiocese of Washington. We look forward to hearing about your activities on social media, using #ADWcommUNITY.

In the last few weeks, the CSO has been fervently collaborating with local health officials to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to non-public educators. Having moderate success, we are continuing to work to make our Catholic schools a safe and healthy environment in which to work and learn. This week, we met with elementary principals in regional meetings, and will meet again next week for an ESPA Conference Day. We hope to offer more information to our school leaders, as they support their faculties and staff both professionally, and with self-care resources, during the pandemic and beyond.

In this edition of the Friday Update, please take special note of several deadlines, including for the Tuition Assistance Program for new families, Collaboration Day registration, and an extension for the Faith Knowledge Assessment. Also, be sure to check out the *IDEA SWAP* for teachers - seeking & sharing solutions with fellow educators.

The month of February, dedicated to the Holy Family, is a reminder of the virtuous, unconditional love and support in a family. Please know of my prayers for your personal families, and that which makes up your school community, as we move *Onward in Faith*.

Kelly Branaman



## MASTER CALENDAR

- **Monday, February 15:** President's Day – CSO closed
- **Sunday, February 21:** Scantron Testing Window Ends
- **Tuesday, February 23:** ADW Board of Education meeting, 6pm on Zoom
- **Tuesday, February 23:** ESPA Conference Day 8:30am – 12pm, on Zoom

## MASTER TO-DO CALENDAR

- Remind prospective new families about the tuition assistance application deadline on February 19, 2021
- Implement marketing and enrollment management plan to include open houses and re-registration

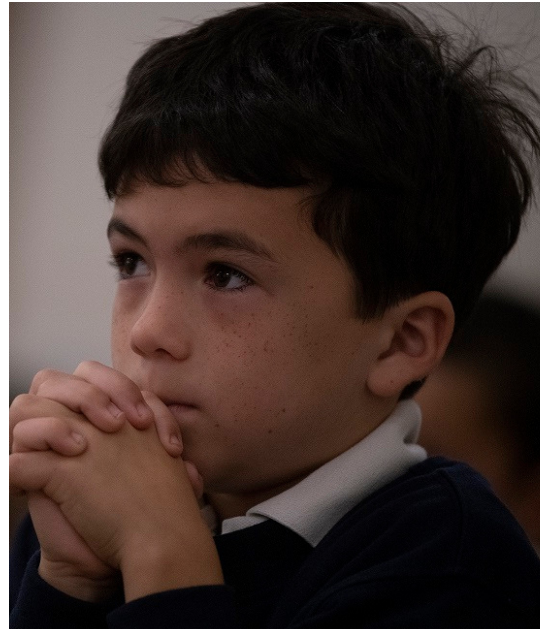
## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### Faith Knowledge Assessment (FKA)

The FKA testing dates have been extended to April 12 – 30, 2021.

This three-week window will allow extra time for schools to adjust as needed after Easter break.

The test is 25 – 35 questions depending on the grade level. Test ID numbers will be sent in March prior to testing.



Congratulations,  
Cardinal Gregory!

This winter, Pope Francis elevated  
Cardinal Wilton Gregory to the  
College of Cardinals.

As we continue to celebrate and express our thanksgiving to Cardinal Gregory, the students of ADW wanted to demonstrate our enthusiasm by creating a Virtual Showcase. Student submissions included drawings, writings, and videos.

View the video [here](#)

All student submissions can be found [here](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### **Seek & share solutions with fellow educators**

We all know that the best ideas come from fellow teachers, and hearing what's working for someone else can be invaluable!

There is no guest speaker. Rather, you'll be talking directly with other teachers just like you, sharing ideas and asking questions like you would in the teachers lounge.

Register and submit any questions you would like to bring to the group here:

Grades PK-K

February 16, 2021 – 3:30 – 4:30

Grades 4-5

February 23, 2021 – 3:30 – 4:30

Grades 6-8

February 25, 2021 – 3:30 – 4:30

More sessions could be added as requested to [mccannv@adw.org](mailto:mccannv@adw.org).



## ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING



### 2021 – 2022 Tuition Assistance Application

Deadline for New Families is Friday, February 19, 2021.

Families can obtain the link to the online application by logging onto:

<https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>



### Social Media Corner

Thank you to everyone who shared their Catholic Schools Week activities with us by using #ADWcommunity & #CSW21! 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  
Need suggestions on how to celebrate?  
Check out some engagement activities recommendations [HERE](#).
- Lent Preparation/Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26)
- Women's History Month

Tag us @ADWCathSchools or share photos directly at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org).



## ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING

### High School Admission Decision Notification Dates

High School	Decision date
Academy of the Holy Cross	Friday, February 26 (email) Thursday, February 25 (mail)
Archbishop Carroll HS	Friday, February 19
The Avalon School	Friday, February 19
Bishop McNamara HS	Thursday, February 18 (mail) Friday, February 19 (online portal)
Brookewood School	Friday, February 19
Connelly School of the Holy Child	Friday, February 26
DeMatha Catholic HS	Thursday, February 18 (mail) Friday, February 19 (online portal)
Don Bosco Cristo Rey HS	Friday, February 26
Elizabeth Seton HS	Thursday, February 18 (mail)
Georgetown Prep	Friday, February 26
Georgetown Visitation	Thursday, February 25 (mail) Friday, February 26 (online portal)
Gonzaga College HS	Thursday, February 25 (mail) Friday, February 26 (email)
Our Lady of Good Counsel HS	Thursday, February 18 (mail) Friday, February 19 (email)
St. Anselm's Abbey School	Friday, February 26
St. John's College HS	Thursday, February 25 (mail)
St. Mary's Ryken HS	Thursday, February 18
St. Vincent Pallotti HS	Thursday, February 18
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	Friday, February 26