

# THE FRIDAY UPDATE



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

Dear School Leaders,

Welcome back from what I hope for each of you was a blessed Christmas and the beginning of a happy, healthy New Year. I very much look forward to working with all of you as we continue to educate our children, and model and teach the Catholic faith.

This month, our calendar focuses on leadership with ESPA regionals this week, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 15, Superintendent's Conference Day on January 19, and the inauguration of the 46th president of the United States, Joe Biden on January 20. Please be sure to review the learning resources we have provided for you and your faculty regarding the history and process for a smooth transition of power within our government. In addition, we are pleased to distribute a "Showcase of Resources" for Cardinal Gregory, our own shepherd in our faith, so that you might share these with your faculty.

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Lastly, in solidarity of support and mercy during uncertain times, we have also included the ADW Counseling website link for those who want to share social emotional resources with staff, faculty and students and families. We are excited to meet with elementary school principals at the conference day, to discuss our accreditation report and the upcoming strategic plan for Catholic schools. Even with unprecedented times, my team and I want to focus on our successes and challenges these past years, and how they will inform and empower us in planning for the future.

As January closes and February begins, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The Catholic Schools Office looks forward to participating with you and your students as we celebrate together. You may submit your CSW activities list [here](#).

May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

In Christ,

  
Kelly Branaman



## MASTER CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, January 19:** Superintendent's Conference Day, 9am-12p on Zoom
- **Wednesday, January 27:** Counselor PD on Domestic Violence and Children – 9:15am to 12:30pm – Register [HERE](#)
- **Thursday, January 28:** School Nurse Meeting – 1:00 – 3:00 on Zoom (link and details will be emailed)
- **Wednesday, February 3:** Counselor PD on Understanding and Responding to Domestic Violence 8:30am-12pm – Register [HERE](#)
- **Thursday, February 4:** ESPA Executive Committee Meeting – 9:30am on Zoom
- **Thursday, February 4:** HSPA Meeting – 12pm-3pm on Zoom

## MASTER TO-DO CALENDAR

- Submit your CSW activities list [here](#).
- Review open house schedule on [adwcatholicschools.org](http://adwcatholicschools.org). Submit any changes or additions to [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org)
- Implement marketing and enrollment management plan to include open houses and re-registration
- Remind prospective new families about the tuition assistance application deadline on February 19, 2021

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Tech Training by Tiffany

Need one-on-one ed tech support?  
Want a small group tech class?

Tiffany is at your service!

Click [here](#) to access the training calendar, select a day/time that fits your schedule and you're all set! Tech training on demand, just for you!



### ADW MSDE Spring Courses

**[Click here to Register Today!](#)**

Start Date: February 15, 2021

Cost: \$75 (ADW price) + Cost of book

#### **3-Credit MSDE Courses:**

- Literacy in the Content Area, Part 1
- Materials for Reading
- Assessment for Reading Instruction
- Inclusion: Accessible Education for All Digital Tools

#### **1-Credit Book Study:**

The Distance Learning Playbook



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Scantron Mid-Year

Mid-Year Scantron Testing Window opens January 4 – February 26.

*The express version is mandatory for all students in grades 2-8.*

### Utilizing Scantron Data with Classworks

Support individual, flexible learning with Classworks ([Download PDF](#)).

Interested in learning more? Click [here](#) to let Vicky McCann know.

Combining assessment data that identifies students' needs with easy access to classroom instructional resources paired with educational standards helps drive individual achievement.

Scantron has partnered with Classworks to connect exam scores with Classworks' digital resources. These resources support student success using individualized learning and differentiated classroom instruction.



### Share your funny virtual learning moment!

"Ok, no more licking the camera" and "Stop licking your screen." –Tasha P.

You've made learning happen. The virtual classrooms are a staple in our schools, but we know they come with some unplanned moments. These bloopers can create a more trusting environment where students learn to laugh at a time they need it most.

So let's share! Record your moment to Vicky McCann for a future podcast episode.

How? Click [here](#) to record your message, or call 301-853-4548 and leave a message. Remember, do not use real student names. You can introduce yourself or not when leaving your message.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Archdiocese of Washington

### Cardinal Baum Scholarship Program

Each year, Cardinal Baum Scholarships are awarded to ***outstanding elementary and secondary teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington*** (ADW) to help them offset the cost of tuition for a Master's or PhD program at a Catholic college or university.

This year the ADW will award **\$15,000** in scholarships to select elementary and secondary school teachers who:

- Are currently teaching full-time at an elementary or high school in the ADW
- Have taught in the Archdiocese for at least three years
- Are currently enrolled in, or have been admitted to, a Master's or PhD program related to their teaching assignment at a Catholic college or university
- Have maintained at least a 3.0 average in their graduate coursework

New applicants must submit the following:

- A completed application form
- 1 – 2 page statement of your professional goals as a Catholic school teacher
- A letter of recommendation from your current principal
- An official copy of your graduate transcript
- A tuition bill that includes proof of payment

All applications and supporting documents must be received by **January 15, 2021**. [APPLY HERE](#). Recipients will be notified by February 22, 2021.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Social Emotional Resources

*Looking for some quick ADW-approved resources for your teachers, parents and students?*

Please visit [ADW's Counseling website](#) and share it with others. It contains links to read-aloud books, calming activities, child-friendly videos on our shared faith, and more.



### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Mass

The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity is proud to announce that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 16, at 5:00 pm.

All are invited to attend this virtual event!

Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Wilton Gregory and begin at 5:00 pm. (Link to the mass [HERE](#))

Gather your #ADWcommUNITY



### Showcase for Cardinal Gregory

This winter, Pope Francis elevated Cardinal Wilton Gregory to the College of Cardinals in a Consistory in Rome. As we continue to celebrate and express our thanksgiving to Cardinal Gregory, we want to demonstrate our enthusiasm by creating an ADW Virtual Showcase.

Student submissions could include drawings, writings, or videos. Ideas include congratulations messages, prayers, drawings of the Cardinal, and personalized messages.

Entries should be submitted by January 29, 2021 via the submission links and should include the student's first name, grade, and school. Selected drawings, writings, and videos will be shared with our #ADWcommUNITY. For submission links and to read more, click [here](#).

## ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING



### Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 31 – February 6

Catholic Schools week will be here before we know it! The Catholic Schools Office staff would love to follow along as your school communities celebrate all that is great about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Please share your upcoming activities with us [HERE](#)

Don't forget to use  
#ADWcommUNITY and #CSW21 in your posts to be featured on our website!



### Winter Open Houses

Open House Window:  
Sunday, January 31 –  
Saturday, February 6

Please review the open house schedule posted on  
<https://adwcatholicschools.org/elementary-k-8/>  
to confirm/add your school open house date and time.  
Contact Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw.org](mailto:quattronea@adw.org) with any changes.

Don't forget to tag us in your open house social media promos  
at @ADWCathSchools or by using #ADWcommUNITY