

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 and that you are as excited as I am to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. I am looking forward to my school visits and seeing all of the ways in which our schools will come together to celebrate the unique mission and values of Catholic education.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for our schools to showcase the many blessings that come with being part of the Catholic education community and to share the good news of Catholic education with the local community. I encourage you, through the different activities and events you hold, to raise awareness of our schools and the benefits of a Catholic education within the larger community through your outreach and social media platforms. Remember to use #ADWCommunity, #ADWEucharist, and/or #CSW23 in your social media posts.

In addition, I want to remind you of the upcoming Spring Collaboration Days which will be held in March. This is an important day of inspiration and renewal, and I would ask that you encourage some of your teachers who have faith based topics they could share with their colleagues to consider submitting a session proposal. Your encouragement goes a long way in helping to build up the next generation of leaders!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your participation in the Superintendent Conference Day. It provided us with an opportunity to come together as a community of Catholic school leaders, to collaborate and to continue our ongoing work of strengthening and supporting our schools. Your participation and contributions were instrumental in making the day a success.

God bless you all and Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman

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Master Calendar

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29 – Sunday, February 5

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

12:00 – 3:00pm

ADW Leadership Academy

St. Pius X School

Thursday, February 2, 2023

9:30 – 11:30am

ESPA Executive Committee Meeting

TBD

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, 2023

PG 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



Master To - Do List

- Review Open House Dates for Catholic Schools Week [HERE](#). If you have any changes, email Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org



Catholic Schools Week 2023 January 29–February 4

Happy (almost) Catholic Schools Week!

The Catholic Schools Office 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 activities with by using **#ADWcommUNITY** and **#CSW22** in your posts to be featured on our website and social media! Photos and content can also be sent directly to Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org

Winter Open Houses

Open House Window:

Saturday, January 28 - Sunday, February 5

Please review the open house schedule posted [HERE](#) to confirm/add your school open house date and time.

Contact Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org with any changes.

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



Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration which commemorates African Americans' achievements, honors their contributions to the United States and the world, and recognizes their crucial role in U.S. history.

Please see some recommendations for consideration to Share, Learn, and Celebrate Black History Month [HERE](#).

Spring Collaboration Day 2023

March 10th & 13th
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

Save the Date & Call for Presenters

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. Our keynote, general sessions and breakout sessions are designed to inspire as we individually and collectively reflect on how God has worked in our lives and why we choose to serve in Catholic education.

Agenda

8:00-8:45 AM Check-in and continental breakfast

8:45-9:00 AM Welcome and Prayer

9:00-9:45 AM "Behold, I make all things new" Revelations 21:5

Keynote address

9:45 - 10:15 AM "But who do you say that I am?" Luke 9: 20

General Session- Giving a faith witness

10:30-11:15 AM "Always be ready to give an explanation..." 1 Peter 3:15

Breakout sessions

11:30-12:15 PM Mass

12:15-1:15 PM Lunch

1:30-2:30 PM "You shall be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

Breakout sessions by interest

2:40-3:00 PM "Go, therefore and teach..." Matthew 28:19

Wrap up and closing general session

Presenter Information

Do you have a best practice or technique incorporating Catholic Identity into your field or subject area? Have you led your students in a retreat and would like to share that skill with your colleagues? Do you have Bible study, Christian Meditation or other practices you do regularly with your students and want to teach others how to do the same? Please share your gifts and talents with your colleagues!

- Topics should appeal to a wide range of interests in Catholic education, to a potential audience of 25-30 participants
- Be sure that your session title clearly describes exactly what the session is about and is no more than ten words in length; please also avoid using acronyms. CSO reserves the right to edit session titles.
- Use active verbs to describe exactly what will occur in the session; use words such as “describe,” “discuss,” “role-play,” and “present.”
- Describe specific presentation techniques you will use, such as interactive, lecture, or multimedia. This way, participants will know what kind of session they will be attending.
- Indicate whether handouts will be available. Describe what the participants can expect to take away from your session.

We are grateful for the collaboration! Please note, while there is no monetary compensation for presenting a session, presenters will receive a gratitude gift. Please direct questions to Dr. Christina Mendez-Hall at mendezc@adw.org or Denise Ball at balld@adw.org. Presenters will receive confirmation by February 6, 2023

Click [HERE](#) to submit your proposal
Deadline: February 1, 2023



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A Faith-Based Education
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Teacher Certification FAQs

What is the policy concerning certification requirements for archdiocesan teachers?

3421 Certification Requirements for Archdiocesan Teachers

All full-time teachers and all part-time teachers of core/required subjects employed by the Archdiocese must have, or must obtain, Maryland, Virginia or District of Columbia certification within three (3) years of the date of hire or alternative certification as defined by the Catholic Schools Office.

How does a teacher renew their certification?

The teacher should refer to the MD, VA or DC Department of Education web site for instructions on how to renew their certification.

What should a teacher do if they have never held a certification and do not have an education degree?

The teacher should look for a college or university program for teacher certification. Teachers may consider applying for a certification program with one of ADW's Catholic university partners. More information on ADW-sponsored certification and continuing education programs will be shared at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Please contact the Catholic Schools Office for updates.

What should a teacher do if they have an education degree but never held certification?

The teacher should contact the department of education in MD, VA, or DC to see what they need to become certified. This typically, but not always, involves some coursework and educator testing.

Questions? Contact Our Team

Jennifer Monger

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Denise Ball

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
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*"You are the light of the world, let your light shine before all."
~Matthew 5: 14-16*



2023 SPRING COURSES

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

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

NWEA MAP Growth, Student Retesting, and Make-Up Testing Guidance

Standardized assessment data is collected, analyzed, and used on many grant applications. Given this, we strive to mitigate the need to spoil a student's assessment. Please review the following before requesting a test to be spoiled:

- 1.** If a student has a Catholic Accommodation Plan (CAP) or Individualized Catholic Education Plan (ICEP), has accommodations been documented in the NWEA MAP Growth data management system? Please direct any questions to Margaret Kenney-White, Manager for Special Education at kenneym@adw.org.
- 2.** Did the teacher/proctor use the "suspend" feature as recommended when it became clear the student was not ready to take the assessment or needed a break from testing? As a gentle reminder, the "suspend" feature allows an assessment to be paused for up to 28 days, allowing a student to return to the assessment when it works best. This feature should be used if there are individual behavioral or environmental obstacles. Directions on how to suspend a test can be found [HERE](#).
- 3.** Please contact Jeremy or Denise with spoiling test requests.
- 4.** Please note, when a student re-tests, the MAP Growth system will choose the test with the lower standard error of measure, or SEM. SEM is an indicator of test precision, and a lower SEM suggests a more precise test score. When comparing the SEM of two tests, NWEA Map Growth round the SEM to 1 decimal place.

Click for the following resources:

[Setting Up and Ending Testing](#)

[Standard Error of Measurement: Definition and Calculations](#)

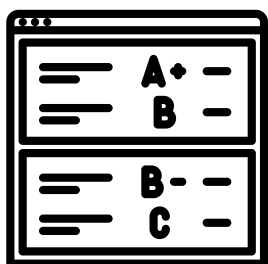
Removing Students from the NWEA MAP Growth Data Management System

As we all walk the onboarding of a new assessment journey together, until we get to know the system better, the CSO will keep students in the system and then remove them as needed at the end of the school year. We have been working with the NWEA team to fix a few glitches, as some students have been removed and reappeared.

Thank you for your patience, and please do not hesitate to reach out as questions arise. (mcdonaldj@adw.org & balld@adw.org)

Yours in Christ,
Denise and Jeremy

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 by **Friday, February 10th**.



DC Licensing Interest Meeting...Take 2

Interested in learning more about the Office of the State Superintendent of Education(OSSE) licensing process for your pre-k program?

Join Roshon Casey-Lee for a brief virtual session on **Thursday, February 9th at 3:30pm**.

Email Roshon at caseyr@adw.org for more information or to RSVP to attend.



General Nurse's Meeting

The General Nurse's Meeting will be held on **February 9th, 2023**, from 12:00-2:00 PM.

Nurses Can Register [Here](#)

There will be an in-person or virtual option.

Please register by **February 3rd**, so that we can make sure to contact individuals who wish to attend in person with details and make sure online attendees have the link. The in-person meeting will be held at the ADW Pastoral Center.

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](#)

Contact Margaret Kenney White for more information at
KenneyM@adw.org

**Deadline to
register
February
10th**

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Prepare Your Students for the Year Ahead with Engaging Literacy and Math Solutions in Summer School

Find solutions that match the needs of your school district. Make the most of your time with your summer school students by focusing on what they need to succeed in the upcoming school year and beyond. McGraw Hill offers easy-to-use instruction that makes creating an effective and engaging summer school classroom a breeze.



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Principals and School Leadership:

National School Counseling Week 2023 (#NSCW23) is **Feb. 6-10, 2023**, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The 2023 theme is School Counselors: Helping Students Dream Big.

Please consider encouraging your students to thank their school counselors, whether it's upon seeing them in the hallway, visiting their office, or just sending them a nice email/note. Teachers can also decorate their doors with signs expressing gratitude for the work school counselors do and the difference they make in students' lives.

On its [website](https://www.asca.org/), [ASCA](https://www.asca.org/) offers a wide range of resources to celebrate National School Counseling Week with your students. There, you can find certificates of appreciation that students can give to school counselors, sample morning announcements to acknowledge this week, posters for students, and more.

