

THE FRIDAY UPDATE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

After a very busy start of the new year 2021, Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is here! Given that this academic year has, undoubtedly, been an unusual, and challenging year, we can take solace that the Holy Spirit moves us to envision our lives and circumstances in a more positive way. This CSW, gives us the opportunity to share in the faith and hope that Jesus gives us, and showcase how our students, families, faculty, staff and the entire #ADWcommUNITY were able to persevere. God is Good!

Thank you to all of the school leaders who joined the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) last week for the virtual Secretary/Superintendent's Conference Day. The day provided an opportunity for our school leaders to provide valuable input as the CSO commences planning for the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. I look forward to our continued collaboration in the development of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for ADW Catholic schools.

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If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to complete the survey found [HERE](#) to provide your feedback and select your preference(s) for the strategic planning committee assignments.

As we begin to share our schools with prospective families, during the enrollment season, please be sure to check-in with our marketing and enrollment team to support your efforts and obtain resources. Also, please remind your new families of the upcoming deadline for the Tuition Assistance Program for new families (pg. 6).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Branaman'.

Kelly Branaman



MASTER CALENDAR

- **Sunday January 31 – Saturday February 6:** Catholic Schools Week!
- **Thursday, February 4:** ESPA Executive Committee Meeting – 9:30am on Zoom
- **Thursday, February 4:** HSPA Meeting – 12pm–3pm on Zoom
- **Monday, February 8:** MC ESPA Regional meeting, 1pm on Zoom
- **Tuesday, February 9:** DC ESPA Regional meeting, 12:30pm on Zoom
- **Wednesday, February 10:** PG ESPA Regional meeting, 9:30am on Zoom
- **Thursday, February 11:** SoMD ESPA Regional meeting, 9:30am on Zoom
- **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

MASTER TO-DO CALENDAR

- Remind prospective new families about the tuition assistance application deadline on February 19, 2021
- Review January elementary open house schedule on adwcatholicschools.org
- Implement marketing and enrollment management plan to include open houses and re-registration

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



“Go to Joseph...” Gen 41:55

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a special year dedicated in honor of St. Joseph to run until December 8 of this year. Our Holy Father, Francis, has always had a devotion to St. Joseph, but, in the light of Covid, he felt a particular desire to dedicate this year to St. Joseph in a special way.

When we read the Bible, we find very little mention of St. Joseph and none of his words were recorded in the Gospels. However, we recognize Joseph to be a man of quiet strength, with a great devotion to God and was obedient to his word. This quiet strength caused Pope Francis to note that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others (just as St. Joseph did with the Holy Family).

“Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble,” he wrote. “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” As we continue through this year of St. Joseph there will be opportunities to gain a Plenary Indulgence as well as reflect on the many titles given to St. Joseph (Terror of Demons is a personal fave!). In the Church, Wednesdays are days where St. Joseph is particularly venerated (just like Saturdays are for Mary and Fridays are for the Passion of the Lord) and this could be a great opportunity to recognize someone in your #ADWcommUNITY each week! Perhaps there is a student, faculty member or parent who, like St. Joseph, goes about quietly serving others. You could take the opportunity to recognize them as a model of St. Joseph each Wednesday.

This year is also a great time to teach a short prayer to St. Joseph and recite it on Wednesdays. See an example below. St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for our #ADWcommUNITY!

*O St. Joseph,
You whose power extends
Over all of our needs,
Who knows how to make possible
For us the most impossible of things,
Open your fatherly eyes to your
Children's interests. Amen.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Supporting Families Living with Domestic Abuse

This workshop will explore the importance of understanding domestic abuse and effective strategies for supporting families suffering with abuse with a special emphasis on how ADW School Counselors can combine their strengths and resources with those of the family to reach a positive outcome. School counselors and interns are welcome!

Wednesday, February 3, 8:30am–12pm
Register [HERE](#)



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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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



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!



ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING



**CELEBRATE
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK 2021**

January 31 - February 6

#CSW21

Catholic Schools Week is here!

Please share your upcoming activities with us by using #ADWcommUNITY & #CSW21 in your posts! We will be featuring posts on our website.

Check out everything going on across the archdiocese by visiting adwcatholicschools.org.

Daily Themes

- Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish
- Monday: Celebrating Your Community
- Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students
- Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation
- Thursday: Celebrating Vocations
- Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers
- Saturday: Celebrating Families

Winter Open Houses

Open House Window:

Sunday, January 31 – Saturday, February 6

Please review the open house schedule on <https://adwcatholicschools.org/elementary-k-8/> to confirm/add your school open house date and time.

Email any changes to: quattronea@adw.org

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/>