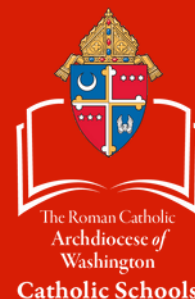


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

I hope this letter finds you in high spirits as we enter the final stretch of the school year. As we approach this exciting period, I would like to share some important updates and upcoming events in our Catholic schools.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in our schools. This is a time to honor and appreciate the diverse cultures and contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. I encourage you to organize activities and discussions that promote cultural understanding and inclusivity.

I also want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in the Golden Apple celebration last night. It was a remarkable event, and it was a joy to be back together in person to honor the exceptional teachers who have made a significant impact on our students' lives.

Our final ESPA conference day on May 23, 2023, is fast approaching. This day holds great significance as it provides an opportunity for elementary principals to gather, connect, and celebrate one another's accomplishments. I encourage you to embrace this day of collaboration and camaraderie and I look forward to seeing each of you at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Tuesday.

May God continue to bless you abundantly as we conclude this academic year with faith and gratitude.

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman

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Tuesday, May 23

ESPA Conference Day
Our Lady Star of the Sea
8:30am – 2:30pm

Thursday, May 25

New Principal Cohort 22 Meeting
St. Peters, Waldorf, 9:00 – 10:30am

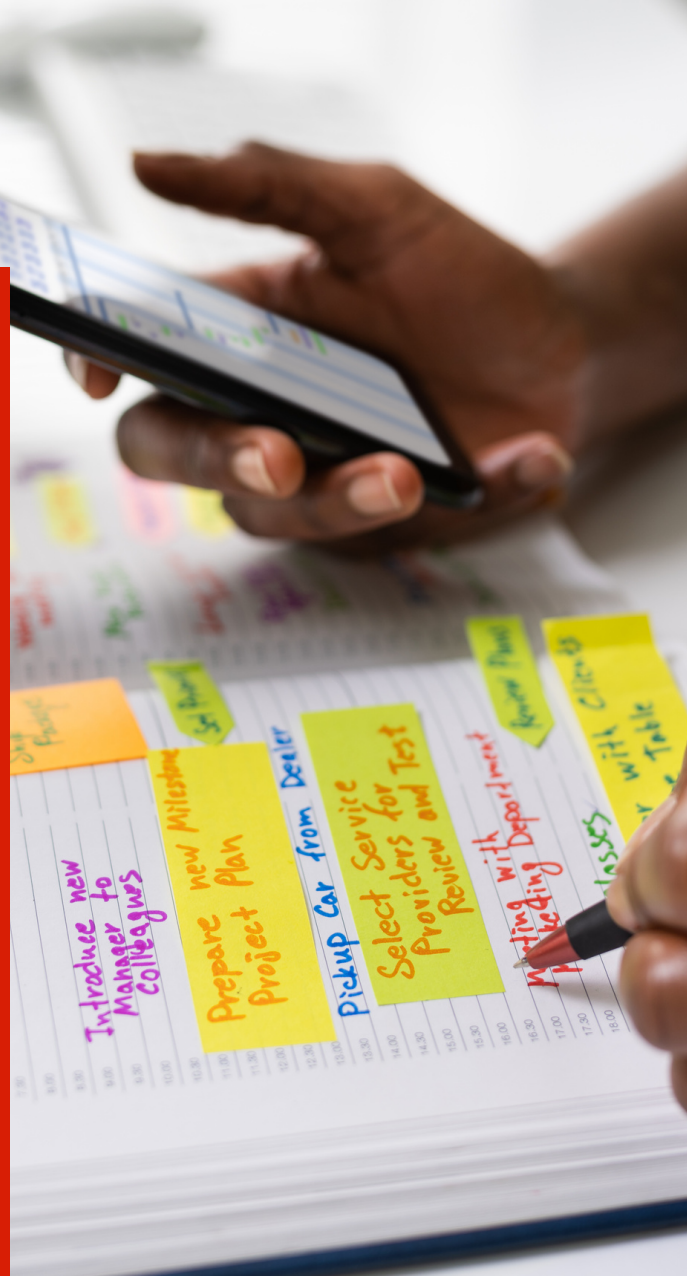
New Principal Cohort 21 Meeting
St. Philip the Apostle, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - APC Closed

Thursday, June 1

ESPA Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual, 9:30 – 11:30am



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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

2023 Cardinal's Award for Catholic Citizenship

The Archdiocese of Washington 2023 Cardinal's Award for Catholic Citizenship is awarded annually by each Archdiocese of Washington Catholic high school to a graduating senior who exemplifies in his or her school and personal life the attributes of Catholic principles and values. This award was initiated by the late Cardinal James Hickey.

The Catholic Schools Office is happy to congratulate this year's recipients of the Cardinal's Award for Catholic Citizenship:

- **Christina Young** - The Academy of the Holy Cross
- **Sebastian Bilinski** - The Avalon School
- **Kayla Luna** - Bishop McNamara High School
- **Ruthie Valentine** - Brookewood School
- **Peter Macyko** - DeMatha Catholic High School
- **Kiara Planta** - Elizabeth Seton High School
- **Seamus Michael Malloy** - Georgetown Preparatory School
- **Clara Permuy** - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
- **Charles Scherer** - Gonzaga College High School
- **Ava Suko** - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
- **Brady McElroy** - Saint Anselm's Abbey School
- **Scarlett Kiss** - Saint John's College High School
- **Ryder Morlong** - Saint Mary's Ryken High School
- **Connor Olsen** - Saint Vincent Pallotti High School
- **Natalie Starmann** - Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart

Congratulations!



Social Media Corner

In May & June, we are looking for the following topics to share:

- Month of Mary (May)
- Mental Health Awareness Month (May)
- Graduation

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

May is also National Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

We love to celebrate diversity! How will you celebrate this month with your #ADWcommUNITY?

Check out some Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month resources to get some ideas and celebrate [HERE](#).



Hispanic Liaison Appreciation Day

Friday, June 23 - 11 AM – 2 PM - ADW Pastoral Center

Do you often translate for Hispanic families and help them in the various school tasks they are asked for at your school?

We want to celebrate your hard work!

Please sign up today [HERE](#) and come to celebrate with us the many gifts you share with your #ADWcomUNIDAD at the Hispanic Liaison Appreciation Day.

For additional questions please contact Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org

2023 8th Grade High School Visit Schedule

The 2023 Catholic High School Visit Schedule will be provided in August 2022.

To assist with this process, please complete and submit the online survey [HERE](#) by **Wednesday, May 24**. Please contact Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org if you have any questions.

2023 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE TEACHER INITIATIVE GRANT

Want to implement something new to engage students in your classroom but don't have the funds to make it possible? Apply for a Teacher Initiative Grant!

CALENDAR

- May 10, 2023. Application opens for teachers - [LIVE NOW HERE!!!](#)
- June 16, 2023. Application Deadline
- Late June 2023. Winners & Awards Announced
- July 2023. Winners receive awards in Class Wallet accounts and can begin spending
- Fall 2023. Teachers implement projects
- Jan 31, 2024. Teachers must have spent all grant funds

PURPOSE: To support Archdiocesan teachers with mini grants to develop and implement engaging, innovative classroom-based instructional projects that improve student learning.

AWARDS: Maximum award \$1,000. No minimum award.

QUESTIONS: Contact Brian Radziwill at radziwillb@adw.org or 301-853-5357

Please click [HERE](#) to check eligibility items to take in consideration before you apply.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Social media use and Mental Health: recommendations from the American psychological Association (APA)

In an effort to provide guidance to educators, parents, policymakers, mental health and health practitioners, technology companies and youths themselves, APA President, Dr. Thema Bryant formed an advisory panel to examine relevant scientific literature to formulate 10 recommendations to ensure that adolescents develop healthy social media practices. Officials and policymakers including the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy have documented the importance of this issue and are actively seeking science-informed input.

A few recommendations include:

- Tailor social media use, functionality and permissions to youths' developmental capabilities; designs created for adults may not be appropriate for children.
- For younger kids, adults should monitor social media use, including discussing and coaching around social media content. This should be balanced with youths' appropriate needs for privacy. Autonomy may increase gradually as kids age and gain more digital literacy skills.
- Minimize adolescents' exposure to social media content that depicts illegal or psychologically maladaptive behavior, including content that instructs or encourages youth to engage in self-harm or high-risk behaviors or those that encourage eating-disordered behavior (such as restrictive eating, purging or excessive exercise).

See this [LINK](#) for the full article and list of recommendations.



Updated Summer Learning Programs

The 2023 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS list has been updated and now includes some learning options for students offered by local Universities. Please review and share the list of 2023 Summer Programs [HERE](#).

We will continue to provide updates in future Friday Updates if more information becomes available.



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2023 SUMMER COURSES

ABOUT

The ADW Catholic Schools Office will be offering Summer MSDE-Approved Courses and Book Studies beginning June 20, 2023. Registration will open on May 22. Any and all ADW educators are welcome to register for courses.

REGISTRATION LINK

MAY 22 - JUNE 5

COURSES

- Book Study: Educating for Eternity (1 cr)
- Book Study: Teach Like a Champion 3.0 (1 cr)
- Assessment for Reading Instruction (3 cr)
- Inclusion: Accessible Education for All (3 cr)
- Processes and Acquisition for Reading (3 cr)

Course Catalog Available on Teacher Portal

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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

Summer Institute for Maryland Nonpublic Educators

The 2023 Maryland Nonpublic Schools Summer Institute for Maryland Educators will be provided by ThinkPort Education and sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education with Title IIA funds.

Summer Institute courses will begin on **June 14, 2023**. A flyer with information about courses and registration will be available through the Principal and Teacher Portals by the end of May.



2023-2024 Fall Collaboration Day

Building Inclusion, Fostering Differentiation, and Increasing Pedagogical Effectiveness in the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Washington

Call for Presenters

October 23-Our Lady Good Counsel High School (MoCo)

October 27-Bishop McNamara Catholic High School (DC/PG/SoMD)

Join us for a transformative day of collaboration and growth for our fall Collaboration Day. We are excited to partner with ADAC in the management of this professional development opportunity. This unique event empowers educators and school team members across various learning strands, allowing participants to delve deeper into their areas of expertise and connect with like-minded colleagues. Get ready to expand your knowledge, explore innovative strategies, and enhance your professional practice.

- **Learning Strand I: School Leadership:** Embrace the role of a leader and discover effective strategies for driving positive change within your school community. Engage in discussions centered around instructional leadership, fostering a culture of collaboration, and cultivating effective communication techniques. Gain valuable insights from experienced administrators and educational leaders who will share their expertise and guide you in strengthening your leadership skills.
- **Learning Strand II: Early Childhood (PK-2):** Dive into the world of early childhood education and unlock the potential of our youngest learners. Explore evidence-based practices, developmentally appropriate teaching methods, and approaches to creating nurturing and inclusive learning environments. Share best practices, exchange ideas, and discover innovative resources that will enrich your teaching and support the growth and development of your students.



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- **Learning Strand III: Intermediate Teachers (Grades 3-5):** Join a vibrant community of educators dedicated to meeting the unique needs of intermediate-level students. Engage in workshops, and discussions focused on curriculum design, differentiated instruction, and effective assessment strategies. Collaborate with fellow teachers to exchange ideas, explore interdisciplinary approaches, and enhance your instructional repertoire.
- **Learning Strand IV: The Middle School Mindset:** Delve into the intricacies of middle school education and gain insights into the developmental needs of young adolescents. Discover research-backed strategies for fostering a positive school climate, promoting social-emotional learning, and creating engaging learning experiences. Engage in conversations with experienced middle school educators and share innovative approaches to meet the diverse needs of this unique age group.
- **Learning Strand V: Support Staff:** Recognize the invaluable role of support staff in creating a thriving educational ecosystem. Explore professional development opportunities tailored specifically for nurses, paraprofessionals, counselors, librarians, admissions directors, and other vital support roles. Learn about effective collaboration strategies, enhancing student engagement, and fostering positive relationships within the school community. Embrace opportunities to network, share experiences, and grow professionally alongside colleagues from similar roles.

Together, we can create a brighter future for our students and strengthen our educational community.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your ideas and best practices and presenting at a session. Click [HERE](#) to submit your proposal to present a 45-minute session at our ***Building Inclusion, Fostering Differentiation, and Increasing Pedagogical Effectiveness in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Washington.***

Click [HERE](#) to find some Collaboration Day suggested session topics.

Please direct questions to Denise Ball, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning at balld@adw.org



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