

THE FRIDAY UPDATE

Mid-Summer Edition

A LETTER FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Dear School Leaders,

There is no doubt that this has been a time of unprecedented challenge for our pastors, principals, teachers, parents and students. I am very grateful, in my first few weeks as interim superintendent, to be blessed with the steadfast leadership team in the Catholic Schools Office, and the blessing of working with some of the most committed and courageous school leaders to work toward what is best for all involved. Thank you all, for your extraordinary efforts to take care of your communities in all facets of administration, and your faith in our mission, to act and love as Jesus would in times of difficulty and challenge.

The planning for campus reopening's are well underway for our schools as the circumstances around us continue to evolve. I stand with you in your reopening decisions and will keep you updated as new information becomes available. Please know that the CSO team is working to expedite the review of all reopening plans and provide a prompt response. As you share your reopening plan with your community, please emphasize the unpredictable nature of the pandemic that may cause the need to make adjustments to reopening plans based on jurisdictional health and safety guidelines.

Although the pandemic is in the forefront, we are committed to continuing with our annual traditions. We are very excited about plans for Archbishop Gregory to open our new school year with the Virtual Opening of Schools Mass on August 24 (see details enclosed). I am looking forward to our time together during the Superintendent's Roundtables. This will be time well-spent as we continue to prepare for the new school year and an opportunity for collaboration.

Please note the important dates for events, programmatic milestones, or registration for the coming events, that are listed in this edition of the Friday Update. Although meetings are virtual, information is helpful for our planning.

Finally, I ask that you remember your new colleagues who joined the archdiocese this summer as new principals and teachers. We kick off with new principal orientation next week! Please remember them in your prayers, as they navigate not only a new endeavor in leadership in the Archdiocese of Washington, but must take the reins under the circumstances. Your support, collegiality and wisdom will be very helpful.

Thank you again, for your patience, professionalism, and responsiveness during this fluid time. My team and I pray you have an enjoyable remainder of the summer.

Kelly Branaman
Interim Superintendent

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Master Calendar

Monday, August 3

School Nurse Meeting
10:30 AM | Zoom

Monday, August 10

Superintendent Roundtable
1PM | Zoom

Tuesday, August 11

Superintendent Roundtable
1PM | Zoom

Wednesday, August 12

Superintendent Roundtable
10AM | Zoom

Thursday, August 12

Superintendent Roundtable
10AM | Zoom

Monday, August 24

Virtual Opening of Schools Mass
10AM

Superintendent Roundtables

The Catholic Schools Office is please to invite to the annual Superintendent's Roundtables, in August. This year, amid the pandemic, we will hold the sessions, virtually. [Registration is required](#) for one of four sessions.

Please register to attend [HERE](#). In order to offer time for meaningful discourse, each session is limited to 15 participants. With confirmation, you will receive the Zoom meeting information, approximately two (2) days prior to the meeting. If you are not able to attend any of the sessions, please let us know.

Save the Date

Opening of Schools
Mass
Monday, August 24
10:00 AM

Link to broadcast will
be shared with school
leaders

School Nurse Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2020
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Contact dillona@adw.org for
Zoom meeting link

- Review safety and health for school reopening procedures
- Discuss current issues
- Obtain links to additional information and resources



Master To-Do List

ACTION ITEM

CSO/ADW
SUPPORT CONTACT

Enrollment Management

- The 2020 High School Visit Schedule was sent out via email on July 20. Review and comment on the DRAFT is due back ASAP.
- The 2020-21 Directory of Catholic Schools listing was sent out via email on July 20. Review and comment on the information is due back ASAP.

Anna Quattrone

Final Reminder

Please click [**HERE**](#) to submit an administrator or teacher for recognition of service in Catholic education. The deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**. Anniversary years should include 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and beyond (in increments of 5) and include years of service in all (arch)dioceses. Thank you to those who have already submitted your teachers' names.

2020-2021 Open House Schedule

While planning and creating calendars, please schedule and plan to conduct open houses during these windows. More information around social distancing admission events will be provided.

**ADW Fall Open House Window:
Sunday, October 18 – Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**NCEA Catholic Schools Week:
Sunday, January 31 – Saturday, February 6,
2021**

**ADW Spring Open House Window:
Sunday, March 14 – Sunday, March 21, 2021**

Encourage school communities to visit our website and follow us on social media for the latest news and campus reopening plans.

adwcatholicschools.org
[@adwcathschools](https://twitter.com/adwcathschools)

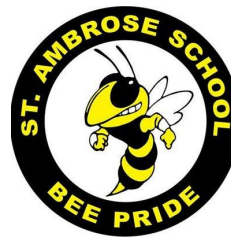
Welcome New Principals!

Tommy Corrigan
Holy Redeemer, Kensington



Doreen Engel (interim)
Our Lady of Mercy

Taylor Dodson
St. Ambrose



Catherine Silverstone
St. Mary School, Bryantown

Tiffani James (interim)
St. Mary of the Mills

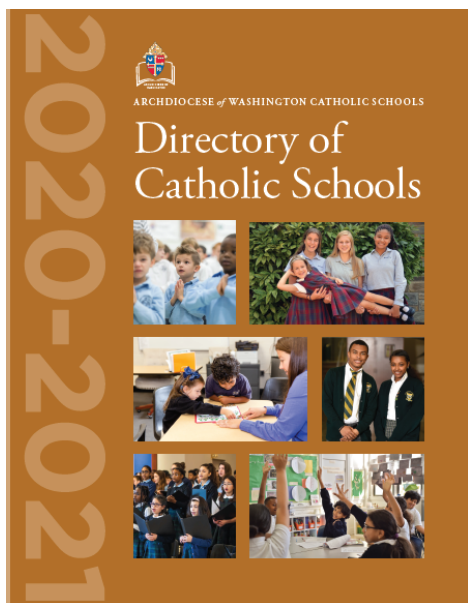


Deanna Johnson
St. Philip the Apostle

Marketing & Enrollment Management

2020-2021 Directory of Catholic Schools

The 2020 Directory of Catholic Schools listing was sent out via email on July 20. Any changes or omissions should be sent to Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org ASAP.



2020-2021 High School Visit Schedule

The 2020 High School Visit Schedule DRAFT was sent out via email on July 20. Please review and submit any change requests OR approval to Anna Quattrone at [quattronea@adw](mailto:quattronea@adw.org) ASAP.

If we do not receive a response by Monday, August 3 the DRAFT HS visit schedule that was provided to you will become the FINAL version and we will proceed to provide the FINAL schedule to Catholic high schools.

Instructions on scheduling virtual visits along with an admission director contact list will be provided to school leaders in early August.

Join the Marketing Committee!

All archdiocesan elementary school personnel who have a role in admissions, marketing, enrollment management, and/or advancement are encouraged to participate in marketing committee activities.

Principals please share this information with your staff. Please submit your contact information to be included in the Marketing Committee mailing list.

Click [HERE](#)

Photo Request



The Catholic Schools Office is looking for photos of the following to use in various publications, social media, and presentations. Please send all photos to quattronea@adw.org.

- Creative distance learning/activities
- Alternative graduation
- Outreach to community
- Students wearing masks
- Building updates and renovations

Teacher Initiative Grant Winner

Congratulations to the 2020 Catholic Schools Office Teacher Initiative Teacher Grant winners listed below! We look forward to seeing your projects implemented in the fall!

Saint Anthony Catholic School | Sr Elise Fox
Hands-on Math

Saint Columba School | Cindy Flores
Building a stronger STEM: Tools, literature STEM starters and LEGO power resources to enhance STEM integration into the interdisciplinary classroom

Saint Mary of the Mills School | Elizabeth Keplinger
Game Design in Media/Technology

Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle | Aurore Anastassiadis
Weather Station: Local Data, Global Research

Sacred Heart Catholic School | Gregory Landrigan
Anti-racism and Catholic Social Teachings

Saint Philip the Apostle School | Angela Rosado
Life Cycle Learning with STREAM

Our Lady of Victory School | Amy Boccella Smith
We Are All Different AND We Are All the Same! Teaching Diversity and Acceptance

Our Lady Star of the Sea School | Cheri Shaw
Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat with Erosion Management

Saint Anthony Catholic School | Teresa Fitzgerald
65th Memorial of Emmett Till

Saint Jude Regional Catholic School | Olga Paz
Ceramics Program for St. Jude

Saint Pius X Regional School | Christine Bliss
Math games Box

Sacred Heart Catholic School | Riana Fisher
Engineering in 3 Dimensions

Saint Bartholomew School | Rachelle Phalen
Map Skills Discovery Unit