

THE FRIDAY UPDATE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...

Dear School Leaders,

As many of you meet this month with the families of your students at back-to-school events, please know how grateful I am to you, your faculty, and your staff for extending days into evenings for the benefit of our common mission - providing a solid Catholic education to children.

This past week we began the monthly routine of our Elementary School Principal Association (ESPA) regional meetings. It was wonderful to gather in-person again, as we discussed the current and pressing matters in your schools. We thank you for your tenacity and commitment to learning the new assessment platform and look forward to our teachers utilizing the evidence to inform their instructional strategies.

I am pleased to announce that the Catholic Schools Office will offer, once again, the Leadership Academy for 2022-2023. I am inviting one assistant principal or teacher-leader from each of our schools to participate in this academy. Please use this [link](#) and complete the form to nominate your candidate by the deadline, September 26, 2022. In addition, our high schools educators will convene for HSPAfest in October. High school leaders, please be sure to submit your selections for Veteran and Novice teachers of the Year before October 3 (page 12).

Schools are encouraged to participate in recognizing the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans during Hispanic Heritage Month. All schools and educators that share Hispanic Heritage Month activities on social media by using #ADWcomUNIDAD will be entered in a raffle to win 1 of 3 prize boxes!

On a fun note, if you are looking for a family activity this evening, please join the Charles County Catholic Schools and me, at the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game, where I've been invited to throw out the first pitch!

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman

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Master Calendar

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Marketing Committee Q1 Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Virtual

Thursday, September 29, 2022

New Principal Cohort 21 Mtg
9:00-10:30 AM, St. Francis International

Thursday, September 29, 2022

New Principal Cohort 22 Mtg
12:00-1:30 PM, St. Johns Clinton

Monday, October 3, 2022

Delegating Nurse Training Part 1
8:30-4:00 PM, virtual

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Delegating Nurse Training Part 2
8:30-3:00 PM, virtual
General Nurses Meeting
1:00-3:00 PM, virtual

Thursday, October 6, 2022

ESPA Exec Comm Mtg
9:30-11:30 AM, TBD

Monday, October 10, 2022

Columbus Day - APC Closed



Master To - Do List

- Review Open House Listing [HERE](#) and email any additional dates or edits to quattronea@adw.org
- RSVP [HERE](#) for Principal Cohort 21/Cohort 22 Meeting by September 29, 2022
- Submit [HERE](#) veteran and novice HSPA Teacher of the year by October 3, 2022



Enrollment & Marketing Committee Meeting

We welcome all ADW Elementary School admissions, enrollment, and marketing staff members to join our Enrollment & Marketing Committee.

Virtual Meeting Information
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Register [HERE](#).

An agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting.



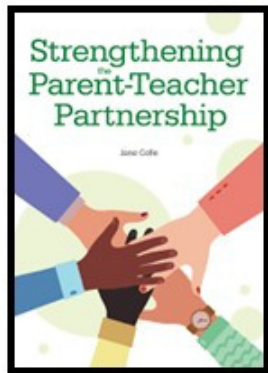
Hispanic Heritage Month Raffle

Enter to win 1 of 3 prize surprise boxes!

All schools and educators that share photos or videos of Hispanic Heritage Month activities on social media from September 15 to October 15 using **#ADWcomUNIDAD** or tagging us will be entered into a raffle to win.

Winners will be announced in the second October edition of the Friday Update and in social media.

For more information contact Barbara Quisquinay at quisquinayb@adw.org



**Strengthening
the Parent-
Teacher
Partnership.
By Jane Cofie**

Virtual Book Study

This book study is open to everyone. Principals, teachers, and marketing coordinators will find value in this resource.

Book study moderated by Vicky McCann, mccannv@adw.org

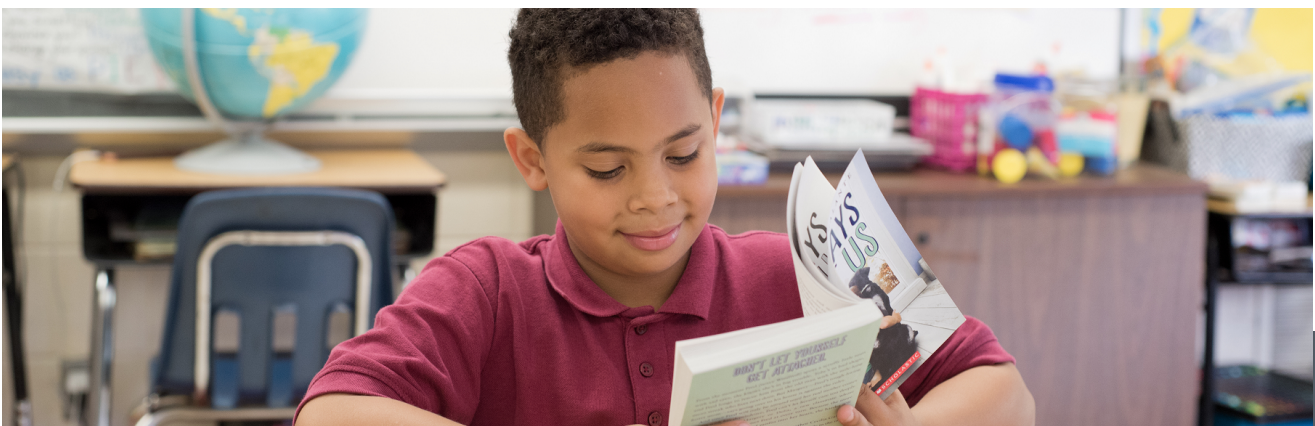
Author Jane Cofie writes, “You might find you are . . . looking to strengthen and refine, develop and learn, confirm and validate” in your efforts to collaborate positively with parents. What specific areas of your partnership with parents are you interested in improving or deepening? What are your goals as you read this book?

Dates: October 3 – October 24, 2022

Requirements to Earn 1 MSDE Credit:

- 1) Read the book over the month of October.
- 2) Participate in weekly discussion posts and activities using the platform, Schoology.
- 3) Save the date for our virtual Zoom session on Monday, October 24, 2022 from 3:30 – 4:30PM.
- 4) A 1-2 page reflection paper is due by October 31, 2022.

Register [HERE](#): First 20 to register will be sent a free book!





HSPT Registration Reminders

- Registration for the HSPT will open on **Monday, October 3, 2022.**
- Attending students will access the registration form through the ADW Catholic Schools website by selecting the button option "My student currently attends an ADW elementary school." The link can be found [HERE](#) and in Appendix B. Please note this button will not be available until 9AM on October 3.
- The window for selecting High School Choice(s) will open at the same time as registration, on Monday, October 3, 2022. Students and parent/guardian may modify their High School Choice(s) up until Sunday, December 11, 2022.
- School leaders are asked to distribute both the letter and registration instructions in Appendix B to parents/guardians at the appropriate time.



Review Open House Listing [HERE](#)

Email Anna Quattrone at quattronea@adw.org with any additional dates or edits.

Please note, only dates through 2022 are included at this time.

Open house dates for 2023 will be added at the beginning of January.

TADS Updates:

If you have any TADS related questions, please contact Madelin Fox at foxm@adw.org

2023-2024 TADS Admissions Portal Opens – October 1, 2022

The TADS admissions portal will become accessible on **Saturday, October 1, 2022** for the 2023-2024 admissions cycle for all archdiocesan elementary schools. Schools are asked to contact their school's TADS implementation specialist to review their individual TADS admissions module.

TADS tuition assistance deadlines are:

Returning Families - December 2, 2022

New Families – February 18, 2023

Parents can contact Madelin Fox with tuition assistance questions (English or Spanish) at tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org



Crisis Intervention Team

Please join the Crisis Intervention Team as a principal and/or by sharing your counselor. The mission of the team is to facilitate school-based crisis intervention and outreach support to archdiocesan Catholic Schools and their surrounding communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event by providing individual and group counseling services in line with Catholic doctrine, guiding administrative tasks, and advocating for community outreach.

Click [HERE](#) to join.

Please reach out to Anne Dillon dillona@adw.org if you have any questions.



NWEA- MAP Testing Accommodations Reminders

If your team has questions regarding accommodations, don't hesitate to contact the Manager of Special Education by emailing KenneyM@adw.org.

Accommodations (especially for students in 3rd grade and above) should be documented in a CAP or ICEP.

Reminders: Delegating Nurse Training Meeting and General Nurse Meetings

Delegating Nurse Training
Monday, October 3 (8:30– 4:00)
Wednesday, October 5 (8:30 – 3:00)

The virtual meeting link will be distributed closer to the meeting date and emailed directly to the participants.

General Nurse Meeting (for School Nurses)

Wednesday, October 5 (1:00 – 3:00)

- A virtual link for the meeting will be distributed to Nurses
- Registration is not required, but nurses will be asked to add their names and school in the chat after logging onto the meeting

Certified Medication Technician (CMT) Trainings will be held later in the school year, most likely in Spring.

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Early Childhood Updates

ADW Early Childhood Advisory Committee Returns
The Catholic Schools Office Early Childhood Advisory Committee is being reestablished and we are looking for committee members.

The committee will advise the Director of Early Childhood Programs on issues related to school-based preschools, early learning centers and extended day (before and after school) programs.

Committee members must be able to commit participate in regular virtual meetings. The meeting schedule will be determined by the committee. Members can receive professional activity units to go towards their participation in the Maryland Child Care Credential Program.

Please have interested staff email Roshon Casey-Lee, caseyr@adw.org, by Monday October 3rd.



OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES

Hat's Off to these schools and early learning centers for publishing a Maryland EXCEL rating!

- The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle
- Archbishop Neale School
- Cardinal Hickey Academy
- Christian Beginnings Preschool at St. John Vianney
- Holy Cross School
- Holy Redeemer School, College Park
- Our Lady's Little Christians
- Our Lady of Mercy School
- Our Lady, Star of the Sea School
- Resurrection Catholic Church Preschool
- Saint Bartholomew School
- Saint Bernadette School
- Saint Francis International School
- Saint Jerome Child Center
- Saint John the Baptist Catholic School
- Saint John the Evangelist School, Silver Spring
- Saint Joseph Regional School
- Saint Jude Regional Catholic School
- Saint Martin of Tours School
- Saint Mary of the Assumption School
- Saint Mary School of Piscataway
- Saint Mary School, Rockville
- Saint Michael School
- Saint Patrick School
- Saint Peter School, Waldorf
- St Pius X Regional School
- Saint Raphael School



Collaboration Day (Virtual) Snapshot

October 28th, 8 AM-3 PM with lunch at Noon

Breakout sessions will be differentiated by position/grade/content. Learning targets include but are not limited to:

- Define key metrics/terms that influence instruction/assessments
- Using class and student reports, interpret student performance data in relation to NWEA normative data and other comparative data
- Identify opportunities to implement equitable data practices
- Understand why it is important to employ assessment empowerment as an equitable teaching practice
- Meet student needs by identifying targeted instructional groups based on MAP Growth goal area performance data. Boost differentiation efforts by connecting groups of students to standards in the Learning Continuum.

There will be breakout sessions for classroom, resource, and special education teachers, counselors, admissions and enrollment personnel and school administrators. The Collaboration Day agenda will be shared soon as details are finalized.



Role Assignment(s) and Accommodations

ADW NWEA MAP Growth Role Assignment

Data Administrators at the school level cannot assign roles but can adjust profile settings to add multi-instructor classes to support grade level/middle school teams or building needs as applicable and designated by the school principal. While the data administrator role can view ADW student rosters, student data is not visible.

ADW Assigning Accommodations in NWEA MAP Growth

NWEA MAP Growth has embedded features (text-to-speech, calculator, ruler, magnification, etc.) that the test developer has deemed appropriate based on research and data norms. These designated features do not require supporting documentation (e.g., Catholic Accommodation Plan or Individual Catholic Education Plan). These features will appear when the assessment is deemed appropriate and are not available for student use throughout the assessment. However, if a student does have a CAP or ICEP in place with supporting documentation, these features can be “turned on” for identified students. If there is no plan with supporting documentation these accommodations cannot be activated. Please contact the Catholic Schools Office with any questions.

NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Schedule 2022-23

Grade	Fall				Winter				Spring			
	Math	Reading	ELA	Science	Math	Reading	ELA	Science	Math	Reading	ELA	Science
K	Optional	Optional	NO	NO	Optional	Optional	NO	NO	Optional	Optional	NO	NO
1	Optional	Optional	NO	NO	Optional	Optional	NO	NO	Optional	Optional	NO	NO
2	All Grade 2 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 2 Students			Optional
3	All Grade 3 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 3 Students			Optional
4	All Grade 4 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 4 Students			Optional
5	All Grade 5 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 5 Students			Required
6	All Grade 6 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 6 Students			Optional
7	All Grade 7 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 7 Students			Optional
8	All Grade 8 Students			NO	For Select Students*			NO	All Grade 8 Students			Required

2022-2023 Curriculum Committee

The Catholic Schools Office is looking for prayerful discernment in serving on the 2022-23 Curriculum Committee. Thank you to those teachers and school leaders who served on the ADW STREAM Program Committee during the 2021-2022 academic year:

- Lauren Casserly, Saint Mary of the Mills
- Lauren DeZinno, Saint Peter School
- Adrian Dipalma, Saint Columba School
- Cindy Flores, Saint Columba School
- Laura Herrle, Cardinal Hickey Academy
- Theresa Kucevich, Saint Pius X Regional School
- Margaret Rodriguez, Saint Bernadette School
- Barbara Ryba, Mary of Nazareth School
- Pat Sharp, Our Lady of Mercy School
- Stephen Szot, Saint Peter School (Olney)
- Zach Tschiffely, St John the Evangelist (Silver Spring)
- Rosanne Weber, Our Lady of Victory School
- Colleen Wilkerson, Holy Cross School
- Megan Winter, Holy Redeemer School (College Park)
- Colleen Zarzecki, St John the Evangelist (Silver Spring)

All those who participated in the STREAM Committee are invited to continue their work on this initiative by serving on the RCADW Curriculum Committee. An intent to participate and a meetings calendar will be shared soon.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Curriculum Committee

Purpose

A strong Curriculum Committee is essential to the success and growth of academic programming. A high-functioning committee presents opportunities for various stakeholders to discuss new and perhaps better ways to increase student learning and achievement. It is a venue to combine ideas and research new curricula and literature to make changes and strengthen the current framework that can have an impact on student learning and achievement.

The Curriculum Committee's primary purpose is to continuously improve the educational program, in line with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's overall mission and vision, via research, curriculum development, and review of recommendations for changes in curriculum and/or primary learning materials brought to the committee by those we serve.



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2022 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award

Each of the Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to participate in the 2022 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award by selecting **two** teachers of the year, to be featured in the Catholic Standard.

The High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Awards were established to recognize the devotion of veteran and novice Catholic secondary school teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington. They speak to the value we all place on faithful service, excellence, best practices, and innovations in Catholic secondary school teaching. We look forward to receiving your nominations to recognize two teachers from among your many distinguished and dedicated faculty.

The archdiocese will have plaques made for all Catholic schools that choose to participate in this award program. Using the [online award winner form](#), please provide the name of the awardees from your school no later than **Monday, October 3, 2022**.

The general criteria for each award is as follows:

- A teacher selected from your **veteran** faculty pool, and
- Another teacher selected from your **novice** teachers in their first, second, or third year

Veteran Teachers

The 2022 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a veteran teacher from each Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington who embrace teaching as a ministry, proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and demonstrates respect for the Catholic identity and the charism of his/her school. This awardee must have **completed four years** of fulltime service at your high school.

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2022 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award continue...

Awardees will possess the following characteristics:

- Models a leadership style of respect to all members of the school community;
- Manifests a desire for academic excellence through continuous personal and professional growth;
- Assumes responsibility for development of the whole student;
- Engages in teaching within and outside the classroom that fosters the God-given talents and gifts of every student; and
- Seeks to transform students by responding to Gospel call for peace and justice

Novice teachers

The 2022 High School Principal Association Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a new teacher, from each Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington, who embraces teaching as a ministry, proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and demonstrates respect for the Catholic identity and the charism of his/her school. This awardee must have completed their first, second, or third year of fulltime teaching at your high school.

Awardees will possess the following characteristics:

- Demonstrates a commitment of the spiritual growth of the school community;
- Manifests a desire for academic excellence and commitment to professional standards;
- Demonstrates pedagogical awareness that includes both generic and content-specific techniques;
- Recognizes the necessity for development of the whole student; and
- Cares deeply about the well-being of students, earning the respect of both students and teachers, alike

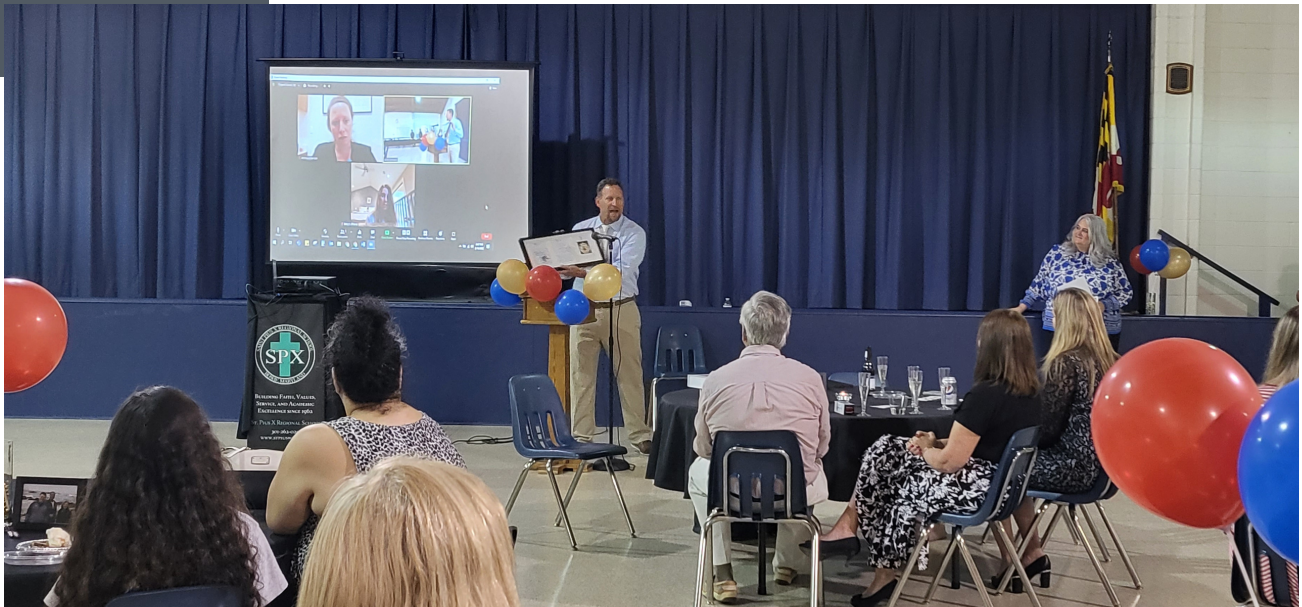
Each high school may add its own criteria around the universal characteristics of the award. The selection of the two Teachers of the Year should be either by faculty vote or other representative process. There is only one of each award per school. Veteran awardees will receive a monetary award and a plaque. New teacher awardees will receive a plaque.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact Garfield Gardner at gardnerg@adw.org.



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2022-2023 Leadership Academy

The Catholic Schools Office will offer, once again, the Leadership Academy for 2022-2023. We are inviting one assistant principal or teacher-leader from each of our schools to participate in this academy. If you sent a faculty member last year, I ask that you consider selecting a different person for this year's academy.

The academy will take place on five one-half days, throughout the school year. Goal is to provide an opportunity for the participants to explore various leadership topics. Each participant will be asked to complete a school improvement project; each may choose a topic from one of the four pillars of Catholic education. Examples of topics that will be covered are instructional leadership, Catholic identity, marketing and enrollment, and school safety. Participation in the academy will mean five one-half days away from your building for your assistant principal or teacher-leader, and I hope you agree that it will be advantageous to the growth of the participant and for your school.

The academy will be capped at 35 participants. Please use this [link](#) and complete the form to nominate your candidate by the deadline, **September 26, 2022**. Shortly thereafter, you will receive notification of your nominee's status. Selected candidates will also receive a notification of their acceptance.

Please contact Chris Buchleitner, associate superintendent at buchleitnerc@adw.org for questions.

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2022 Catechetical Day

The Catholic Church is in the process of a Eucharistic Revival. This has implications for Catholic educators both spiritually and professionally. The ADW Office for Catechesis is hosting Catechetical Day 2022 to assist catechists and teachers in their efforts to teach the truth and beauty of the Eucharist.

The day will include Mass, a keynote address by Cardinal Gregory, and both inspirational and practical workshops centered on the Eucharist. With over 40 workshops to choose from, catholic school teachers may find the session by Dr. Christina Mendez on Exploring the Eucharist through the Eyes of the Saints in the ADW Religion Curriculum particularly helpful.

Join teachers from across the archdiocese for Catechetical Day 2022 on Saturday, October 29 at Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park.

For more information, and to register for the day, click [HERE](#).

Contact Kately Javier in the Office for Catechesis at javierk@adw.org with any questions.

