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YEAR OF MERCY MASS

The Mass for the Closing of the Year of Mercy for Catholic School Students will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, **November 9th** at 11:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John G. Vlazny and priests of the Archdiocese. All are to be seated by 10:45am. At 10:45am, Msgr. Brennan, the Rector of the Cathedral, will give a talk about history of the Cathedral. A list of directions about this event can be accessed [HERE](#).



FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation Committee will meet at **1:00pm** on November 14th, at the RAM Restaurant in Wilsonville. The key agenda items include planning for the Principals Retreat, as well as discussion of Faith Formation resources for use after the *Catholicism* series concludes. Additionally, Chris Harris has joined the Faith Formation Committee.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A session of the Leadership Program for all first-year and second-year principals will take place on **November 16th**, from 9:00am- 2:30pm at the Pastoral Center. Refreshments will be at 8:30am; lunch will be provided. Participants are reminded to have carefully read *The Religious Dimension of A Catholic School*, and to bring their copy with them.



PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY

Each year the National Catholic Educational Association declares the Thursday before Thanksgiving as **CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY**. This year the date is **November 17th**. Thanks to all of our principals for all that they do!

IN-SERVICE SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

On **November 21st** there will be a program for high school principals and teacher leaders which will continue the in-service began in August on "Improving Teacher Effectiveness." The program will run from 9:00am to 2:30pm with refreshment at 8:30am and lunch at noon. The Program will take place at the Pastoral Center in Portland. The material from these workshops were sent out in September. If a principal needs copies, send an e-mail to jray-timoney@archdpdx.org.

IN-SERVICE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

On **November 22nd** there will be a program for elementary school principals which will continue the in-service began in August on "Improving Teacher Effectiveness." The program will run from 9:00am to 2:30pm with refreshment at 8:30am and lunch at noon. The Program will take place at the St. Pius X School. The material from these workshops were sent out in September. If a principal needs copies, send an e-mail to jray-timoney@archdpdx.org.



NEW PRINCIPALS WEBINAR

There will be a webinar for all first-year principals on **November 29th** from 1:30-2:30pm. Rhonda Kwei will be presenting information on Risk Management policies and practices. Register for the webinar **HERE**. Other principals are welcome to register for this webinar if they would like a refresher.

NCEA CONVENTION 2017

The annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association will take place in St. Louis, Missouri, from **April 18-20**. Registration is now open at www.ncea.org.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY REPORTS

Elementary School Principals are reminded to submit the Catholic Identity Report by e-mail to jray-timoney@archdpdx.org by **December 2nd** at the latest.

TRAIN THE TRAINERS

The next session for Train the Trainers in Backward Design will be held at the Pastoral Center from 4:00-6:00pm on **November 14th**. This year the focus will continue to be integrating the new archdiocesan math standards and best practices into the Backward Design model. Additional dates are January 9th, January 23rd, March 6th, and April 10th.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATH STUDY

The math in-depth study will be due **April 2018**. This year we will collaborate to unpack the standards, create curriculum maps and backward design units, and then next year we will write the math in-depth study. Those teachers and principals who attended the math and backward design professional development on October 14th, had a great introduction from Dr. Nicole Ralston to the shifts in mathematics and an introduction to the 8 mathematical practices included in the new math standards. Any school that needs or wants extra help this year, is asked to contact Jeannie Ray-Timoney at jray-timoney@archdpdx.org who will work with the school directly or help provide resources.

ACCREDITATION

Congratulations! to St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Lake who have successfully completed their accreditation visits. St. Therese; St. Francis, Roy; and St. John the Baptist all have visits in November. Please, keep them in your prayers.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REPORT DEADLINE REMINDER

Thank you for submitting the NCEA DataBank forms. The rest of the Beginning of the Year Report forms are due **November 14th** and are available **HERE**.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL SHEETS

The personnel sheets for each school will be sent out in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience!

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

