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ACRE TESTING

The ACRE assessment will be administered in grades 5, 8, and 11 during the week of **February 6-10, 2017**, in all archdiocesan schools. The ACRE assesses faith knowledge as well as the students' religious beliefs and attitudes. Instructions for registering your school for the test can be found [HERE](#). The deadline is **January 7, 2017**.

ACCREDITATION

Congratulations! St. Anthony, Our Lady of the Lake, St. Therese, St. Francis, Roy, and St. John the Baptist have all completed their accreditation visits this fall. The accreditation process is an opportunity for ongoing review of the vitality of a school's programs and attention to its Catholic identity and faith development. All schools should review their goals annually and revisit them often to ensure that they are serving their students and families in the mission of Catholic education.

Holy Redeemer, The Madeleine, O'Hara, St. James, St. Paul Parochial, and Sacred Heart, Medford are all in the self-study process this year. These schools are reminded to submit their draft documents to Jeannie Ray-Timoney by **April 21st** so that feedback can be given to the schools in a timely manner. If more guidance is needed, please contact Jeannie Ray-Timoney.



CURRICULUM

- As schools continue to integrate the new archdiocesan math standards and best practices into the Backward Design model, additional sessions to **Train the Trainers in Backward Design** will be held at the Pastoral Center from **4:00-6:00pm on January 9th, 22nd, March 6th, and April 10th**.
- The **February 21st** Elementary Teacher Professional Development Day will be held regionally. Principals are asked to consult with their region to see how the school's professional development needs align with the school's goals and those of other schools in the region. If assistance is needed in planning, please contact Jeannie Ray-Timoney.
- Elementary Schools: Catholic Identity reports due **December 2nd, 2016**.

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.



PDU CERTIFICATES

All PDU certificates from the current school year, including the PDU certificates for the Train the Trainer workshop on November 14th, are accessible at [HERE](#).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The [DCS website](#) has been updated to reflect the temporary exceptions for substitute teachers.

SCHOOLS EXCHANGE

This is a reminder that schools can list items needed or for sale/giveaway on the DCS website at this [link](#). Please email all items for listing to dboyle@archdpx.org.

ENROLLMENT

For the **2015-16** school year, enrollment in the schools in the Archdiocese was 14,979 (elementary schools 9,135 and secondary schools 5,844). For the **2016-17** school year, enrollment in the schools in the Archdiocese is 14,749 (elementary schools 8,996 and secondary schools 5,753). The total difference is a decrease of 230 students or 1.54% (an elementary school decrease of 139 students or 1.52% and a secondary school decrease of 91 students or 1.56%).



"This is my dog Bennie. When I tell him to sit, he does."

DOCUMENTS ON THE WEBSITE

- The revised version of the Department of Catholic School Policy Manual for Schools can be found [HERE](#). It is now the official version of the policy manual. Note that the section titled 2000 is missing because the revisions for this part are not yet completed.
- The most recent version of the 2016-2017 Department of Catholic Schools Events Calendar can be found [HERE](#).
- The most recent version of the 2017-2018 Department of Catholic Schools Events Calendar can be found [HERE](#). Any changes from the first version which was sent out in October have been highlighted.

BEGINNING OF YEAR REPORTS

Thank to principals for submitting the Beginning of the Year Reports! The Personnel Sheets are still being sent out individually.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DATES

Please mark the following dates on your calendars: Each meeting is for Pastors, Presidents, Principals and members of school governance bodies for the Year-long Archdiocesan Planning Initiative for Catholic schools:

- **February 8, 2017:** Kickoff Meeting, 3:00-5:00pm in Portland.
- **September 27, 2017:** Key Findings Presentation, 2:30-4:30pm in Portland.
- **September 28, 2017:** Key Findings Presentation, 2:30-4:30pm in Eugene [**Note that this meeting is a repeat of the September 27th meeting**].
- **January 20, 2018:** Presentation of the Strategic Plan, 10:00am-2:00pm, in Portland.

The specific location of each of these meetings is to be determined.

