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HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

The Chairs of High School Religion Departments will meet at LaSalle High School on **April 4th** from 8:30am-Noon.

CURRICULUM

- The PE/Health curriculum review is scheduled for **April 5th**, from 8:30-3:00pm at the Pastoral Center. There is still room to accommodate more participants. Principals who would like to participate or send a teacher to participate are asked to RSVP to jhinds@archdpx.org.
- The next Curriculum Committee meeting is **April 8th**, from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Pastoral Center. The representative for Accelerated Reader will be present at 10:00am to explain the Accelerated Reader for those interested in adding this program to the school's Renaissance package. The representative will also review STAR Custom and how to create custom tests
- Thanks to all who sent teachers to participate in the Math Standards review. It was an excellent day, and a draft of the standards will be out soon. There will be a Math Curriculum Fair on **May 18th** at the Pastoral Center from Noon-6:00pm which will give principals and teachers an opportunity to review math curriculums.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENTS & PRINCIPALS MEETING

High school principals will meet on **April 12th**, from 10:00am-Noon. A meeting of high school presidents and principals with Archbishop Sample will begin on **April 12th** with lunch at noon and conclude by 2:00pm. Both the morning and afternoon meetings will take place at Jesuit High School. An agenda along with parking instructions will be sent out before the meeting.

APRIL PRINCIPALS MEETING

The April elementary principals meeting will take place on **April 15, 2016**, at St. Pius X Parish beginning with refreshments at 8:30am and concluding by 3:00pm. Lunch is included. The topic for the day is "Blended Learning," and the speaker is Father Nate Will, C.S.C., Ph.D., from the University of Notre Dame. Each elementary school principal may register and bring two teachers. Secondary school principals may also attend and bring two teachers. Registration is required. Those who have not yet registered are asked to contact jhinds@archdpx.org immediately.



MARTIN



FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Faith Formation Committee on **April 18th** from 1:00-3:00pm at the Shari's Restaurant in Tualatin. Agenda topics include planning for Faith Formation In-services, Principal/President Retreats, and changes to the Catechist Certification program.

ACCREDITATION

ELA In-Depth studies are due **April 22nd**. Please email the school's document to Jeannie Ray-Timoney at jray-timoney@archdpx.org.

PEER FORM REMINDER

Principals are asked to make sure that teachers send a Professional Education Experience Report form to the Department of Catholic Schools when teachers renew their licenses. The Department of Catholic Schools then verifies the information on the form and submits it directly to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. As part of the license re-design, the commission has included an option for teachers to advance to the Professional License from an Initial I License, providing the teacher has a Master's degree. An added requirement is proof of 4 years of full-time teaching experience as verified on a PEER form. The 4 years of experience can be in Oregon while licensed or in another state while licensed in that state. Recently, there were two cases where teachers were issued 3 year licenses rather than 5 year licenses because PEER forms were not submitted. Confirming teaching experience using the PEER form is an important step during this time of license transition. Contact Dina Boyle at dboyle@archdpx.org with any questions. The PEER form is available at <http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Documents/PEERFormSL11-12-13.pdf>

VOCATIONS

Please check this link, [Vocations Rally](#), for a letter to principals from Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Director of Vocations, about dates for a vocation rally for 6th graders in 2017. Information about *Quo Vadis Days*, a discernment camp for young men ages 13-18 about a call the priesthood can be found at this link, [Quo Vadis](#)

CERTIFICATES

Professional Development Units Certificates are available for the **February 16th** UbD/Rubicon/ELA In-depth Study Professional Development Day and for the **March 11th** STEM Workshop. The Professional Development certificates can be accessed at this link: [PDU Certificates](#).

WORKSHOP ON SELF-REGULATION

Dr. Joseph White, licensed clinical psychologist and faith formation representative for *Our Sunday Visitor*, is offering a workshop tailored to learning specialists, teachers, administrators and parents at St. Pius X Parish Community Center on **April 21st** from 9:00-11:00am. The presentation will focus on strategies for helping children and teen's with self-regulation. A flyer about this program and evening presentations for families is available at this link: [Dr White](#).

STEM

The power-point materials used at the recent STEM workshop are available at this link: [STEM Materials](#). Also, information will be available by the end of the month about next steps with regards to a STEM program for schools in the Archdiocese.

EIGHTH GRADE AWARD

The Archbishop Sample Christian Leadership and Service Award, a \$200 scholarship, is again available to one eighth grade student per Catholic elementary school who will be going on to a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Portland. The application form is available at this link: [8th Grade Award](#)

