



Department of Catholic Schools Bulletin

NEW PRINCIPALS WEBINAR

There will be a webinar for **all first-year principals** on **October 10th** from 1:30-2:30pm. Cathy Shannon will be presenting information on the *Called to Protect* child protection program. Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9030444413552001539> Other principals are welcome to register if they would like a refresher.

IN-SERVICE PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The in-service program for elementary school teachers is scheduled for **October 13th**. There are three options:

- **Option #1: For All Science and STEM Teachers**
Topic: Unwrapping the NGSS for Elementary/Middle Science Teachers
Site: Central Catholic High School
Time: 8:30am – 2:30pm
Speaker: Dr. Patricia Morrell
- **Option #2: For All Specialists & Non-Science Teachers**
Topic: Implementing Differentiation
Site: Holy Trinity
Time: 8:30am – 2:30pm
Speaker: Dr. Michael Faggella-Luby
- **Option #3: For Teachers whose major assignment is Math and who do NOT teach science may attend the Northwest Mathematics Conference.** To register for the conference, follow this link: <http://www.northwestmathconf.org/NWMC2017/index.php>

Principals are reminded that teacher sign-up forms are due by **October 3rd** to dcs@archdpdx.org.

IN-SERVICE PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The in-service program for secondary school teachers, “Building the Kingdom together through *Excellence!*” is scheduled for **October 13th**, at LaSalle High School, from 8:00am-2:45pm. Note that all registrations must be submitted by 3pm October 6th.

STEM EDUCATION

- A STEM education partnership between the Department of Catholic School and the University of Portland is being formed. There will be an information session for interested schools at the University on **October 16th**, at 9:30-10:30am, in the Murphy Conference Room, 4th floor, Franz Hall. Principals are asked to RSVP by **October 11th** to jray-timoney@archdpdx.org.
- **Becoming a STE(A)M School Resources and Connections Toolkit:** For the past six years, the Portland Metro STEM Partnership has worked with six schools that engaged in a four-year transformation process to become STEM- or STEAM-focused. Last year, PMSP invited these experienced STE(A)M schools to identify, collect, and vet a collection of resources intended to support other schools seeking to become STE(A)M focused. This set of regionally-aligned resources and implementation guidelines is ready and available for piloting. We invite interested schools to come to UP on October 16th to hear more about this Toolkit and how we can collaborate to guide your school through this transformation to a STEM school.

FAITH FORMATION MEETING

There will be a Faith Formation Committee meeting on **October 16, 2017**, from 1:00–3:00 pm at The Ridge in Beaverton (Progress Ridge). The agenda will focus on using ACRE and IFG data to instruct upcoming faith formation, planning for the Principals’ Retreats in 2018 & 2019 and the February 2018 Faith Formation in-service.



LEARNING SPECIALISTS

There will be a meeting for Learning Specialists from 8:30-10:30am on **October 17th** at the Pastoral Center.

OCTOBER SAC WEBINARS

The second set of dates for Governance webinars for members of Elementary School Advisory Committees is **October 18th and 19th**, from 6:30-7:30pm each night. Each participant needs a computer with access to the internet. Principals are asked to submit the names and e-mails of those from their schools who will be participating to dcs@archdpx.org by **October 13th**. The Department of Catholic School through its webinar service will then send directions to each participant as to how to connect to the webinar.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS & PRESIDENTS MEETING

All high school presidents and principals, will meet on **October 19th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in Portland. Archbishop Sample will attend to carry on a conversation with the group. Please RSVP and also submit other agenda items to Stacey Baker, Principal of Marist High School, at sbaker@marisths.org by **October 11th**, at the latest.

POTENTIAL PRINCIPAL INFORMATION SESSION

There will be an information session for all aspiring Catholic school leaders on **October 30, 2017**, from 4:00-5:30pm at the University of Portland. Principals are asked to encourage those faculty members in the school that have an interest and/or the skill set to attend. Please email Gary Beckley at gbeckley@archdpx.org with the name and email address of any potential candidates.

IFG UPDATE

Now that the assessment windows are closing each school will receive an invoice for only the number of completed assessments. Results from the survey will be released once the invoice is paid.

ACCREDITATION

- **Accreditation visits** fall 2017-2018: The Madeleine, St. Paul Parochial, St. James, Holy Redeemer, O'Hara, and Sacred Heart (Medford).
- 2017-2018 is a **Self-Study year** for All Saints, Holy Family, St. Anne, St. Ignatius, St. John the Apostle, St. Joseph, St. Pius, St. Thomas More, Valley Catholic, and Franciscan Montessori Earth School. Please check timelines in the ISL protocol to stay on track.
- **Elementary Schools:** Review the **Catholic Identity Ongoing Review** cycle to see what standards your school needs to address this year. Remember to send out the staff/stakeholder surveys early to give ample time to write the accompanying report. If you have questions concerning this review, contact Jeannie Ray-Timoney. Documents for this review can be found **HERE**. Reports are due electronically by **December 1, 2017**.
- **Math In-Depth Study is due April 27th, 2018**. Directions and templates are in the ISL document on the WCEA website. The link is on the Department of Catholic Schools web page. Send report electronically to jray-timoney@archdpx.org. If you need more guidance, contact Jeannie Ray-Timoney.
- **Train the Trainer Sessions: Backward Design Science/STEM**
 - **October 16th:** 4-6pm at the Pastoral Center
 - **October 17th:** 4-6pm at St. John Fisher
 - **October 18th:** 4-6pm at Queen of Peace

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee will meet at the Pastoral Center on **October 30th**, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.



FINGERPRINTING UPDATE

The Oregon Department of Education has notified the Department of Catholic Schools that there is still a significant delay in issuing clearances for employees who have been fingerprinted using the Fieldprint system. Please continue to send the names of those being fingerprinted to dboyle@archdpdx.org. Principals are reminded that employees may have begun working while their fingerprints are being processed. Any questions on the fingerprinting process can be directed to dboyle@archdpdx.org.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL REPORTS

- The Beginning of the School Year report forms are available [HERE](#). Please use the Checklist as a guide for completing the Report. The files will need to be downloaded to the computer before entering information to ensure no loss of data.
- The NCEA DataBank report is due to the Department of Catholic Schools by Monday, **October 2nd**.
- All other documents are due **November 10th**.
- Any questions or requests for assistance can be directed to Dina at dboyle@archdpdx.org.

ARTICLE

Following is a link to an article in the Oregon Math Teacher magazine by Cathy Wade, one of St. Clare's middle school math and science teachers. The article is [HERE](#).



ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

The School of Education and the Garaventa Center at the University of Portland along with the Department of Catholic Schools are sponsoring and underwriting a program for all elementary and secondary school principals and presidents on **November 3, 2017**. The program will feature Dr. Ann Garrido of St. Louis University who will address the topic of her latest book *Redeeming Conflict*. The day starts at 9:00am and will conclude by 2:30pm. The presentation will take place in the Hall of Fame Room in the Chiles Center at the University of Portland. Lunch will be provided. Refreshment will also be available at 8:30am. Each participant will receive a free copy of Dr. Garrido's latest book. This date is a regular meeting date for elementary principals, but secondary administrators are asked to RSVP by **October 25th** to dcs@archdpdx.org. Elementary principals who would like to bring other administrators are also asked to RSVP. Car pooling is encouraged, and UP parking permits are required. The parking permit is available [HERE](#). Also, anyone who needs a vegetarian lunch is asked to respond by October 27th to eifler@up.edu.

NCEA CONVENTION 2018

The annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, from April 3-5. Registration is open at ncea.com.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This past spring I let Archbishop Sample know that I would be retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, that is, as of **June 30, 2018**. Soon an opening notice will be posted and the search process initiated.

