



Department of Catholic Schools Bulletin

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENTS

High school presidents and technology directors will meet on **January 8th**, from 11:00am to 1:30pm, including lunch, at LaSalle Catholic College Prep. Presidents were asked to RSVP the number attending as well as submit agenda items by **December 17th** dcsc@archdpdx.org.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

The **January 11, 2019**, elementary school principals meeting will be held at Rubicon HQ, beginning at 9:00am and concluding by 2:30pm. Refreshments will be available at 8:30am and lunch will be provided. The topic for the meeting will be framing professional learning to forward curriculum and instruction for academic excellence.

2019-20 PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

Open principal positions for the 2019-2020 school year are posted [HERE](#) and will be updated as needed. Please urge interested and qualified staff to apply.

PRINCIPALS WEBINAR

There will be an optional webinar for all interested principals on **January 16, 2019**, from 1:30-2:30pm. Michelle Braulick will present information on budgeting. Register by **January 10th** for the webinar [HERE](#).



**Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week 2019**
January 27 - February 2
#CSW19

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION

On **January 17, 2019**, there will be a meeting for Catholic school leadership, that is, pastors, presidents, principals, members of boards, and school advisory committees to review and comment on the action items for the various aspects of the strategic plan. Archbishop Sample and Bishop Smith will participate. The meeting will be held at the Madeleine, starting at **2:30pm and concluding by 4:30pm**. If principals have not already done so, they are asked to invite the leadership of their schools and **RSVP** with the names and e-mails of each **ASAP** to dcsc@archdpdx.org. A link will then be sent, so participants can access a copy of the plan in order to review the proposed action items before this meeting.

FAITH FORMATION IN-SERVICE

Teachers from all elementary schools will meet on **February 1, 2019**, at St. Pius X School for the Faith Formation In-service Day. This year's speaker is Dr. Robert Wicks, professor, author, and speaker, who will focus his presentation on prayer, this year's faith formation theme. The program runs from **9:45 am to 3:00 pm**. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Sample at 11:00 am followed by lunch. Morning refreshments will be available starting at 9:00 am. Principals are to register their faculties [HERE](#) by January 12th.

PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL RETREAT

The retreat for elementary and secondary school principals and presidents will be held on **February 6th through 8th, 2019**, at the **Inn at Spanish Head**, starting at 4:00 pm on Wednesday and concluding at Noon on Friday. **Each participant is to make her/his own hotel reservation by Friday, January 11, 2019**. Room rates (including city tax and fees) range from \$155-\$222 per night. Presidents and principals who have not already done so, need to register for the retreat [HERE](#) immediately.

ACRE STUDENT TESTING

The ACRE assessment will be administered in grades 5, 8, and 11 during the week of **February 4-8, 2019**, in all archdiocesan schools. ACRE assesses faith knowledge as well as the students' religious beliefs and attitudes. Information about the ACRE assessment and instructions for registering the school for the assessment can be found [HERE](#). The deadline for registration is **January 11, 2019**.

ACCREDITATION

- All fall accreditation visits are complete. Great work St. Ignatius, St. Thomas More, All Saints, St. Pius X, St. John the Apostle, Holy Family, Valley Catholic, St. Anne, Franciscan Montessori Earth School, and St. Joseph. One accreditation visit in the spring: Central Catholic.
- 2018-2019 is a Self-Study year for Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Queen of Peace, St. Clare, St. Francis, St. Luke, St. Matthew, Marist and Regis St. Mary. Please check timelines in the ISL protocol to stay on track. If you need assistance, please contact Dr. Ray-Timoney.
- Catholic Identity Reports are due NOW. If you have questions, contact Dr. Ray-Timoney.

CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

- The Winter **STAR Testing Window** is **January 7th-25th**.
- Teacher Science Standards Instructional Coach Professional Development: **Portland area schools, January 14th** at the Pastoral Center: 8:30am: refreshments; 9:00am-3:00pm: training. RSVP to dcs@archdpdx.org; & bring technology and science resources. **Salem area schools, January 14th** at Queen of Peace at 9am in the library, RSVP to Carl Mucken at qpsprincipal@gmail.com.
- The Curriculum Committee meeting scheduled for **January 14th** will be combined with the Science Standards professional development in Portland.



ENROLLMENT REPORT

The 2018-2019 Department of Catholic Schools Statistical Report is [HERE](#).

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In preparation for February's Leadership Program meeting on February 13th, all 1st and 2nd year principals are reminded to have completed both required readings. They are found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

NCEA CONVENTION 2019

The annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association will take place in Chicago, Illinois, from **April 23-25**. Registration is open via the NCEA website



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Wednesday, **February 20, 2019**, is Statewide Exclusion Day. Remember there is a law in place that affects how schools handle immunizations. Parents are required to turn in documentation of immunization or complete the process for a nonmedical exemption prior to Exclusion Day. Schools are required to have their immunization and exemption rates available at their main offices, on their websites, and for parents on paper or in electronic format. Additional information, including reporting timelines, is available [HERE](#).

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Information about an Outdoor School pathway to participation for private school students may be found [HERE](#).

ANNUAL REPORT

The Department of Catholic Schools will again publish an annual report of the 2018-19 school year to be distributed in August of 2019. The items included in the report come from each school. Please remember to collect information, pictures and items now for this publication.