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Coronavirus Information

A [Coronavirus Information](#) section has been added to the website. Please refer to it for the most updated information regarding the virus and the Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

Resources for e-Learning

The [E-Learning Resources](#) section has been added to the website. Check it out!

District Meetings

District meetings were held this week via Zoom. If you would like a recording of the meeting, please contact Sister Edward (sr.equinn@archphila.org).

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Our goal is for everyone to stay healthy and safe. All events and meetings to the end of March (and maybe further) are canceled until further notice.

Once we start to regroup and reschedule, you will be informed.

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*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN UPDATED CALENDAR ***



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To: *Elementary and Special Education Principals*

From: *Dr. Andrew McLaughlin
Secretary for Elementary Schools*

Re: *Academic Calendar 2020-2021*

Trimester	Days in Trimester	Report Card Issuance
<i>First Trimester begins September 9, 2020</i>	<i>61 days</i>	<i>Not before December 9, 2020</i>
<i>First Trimester ends December 4, 2020</i>		<i>No later than December 11, 2020</i>
<i>Second Trimester begins December 7, 2020</i>	<i>58 days</i>	<i>Not before March 17, 2021</i>
<i>Second Trimester ends March 10, 2021</i>		<i>No later than March 26, 2021</i>
<i>Third Trimester begins March 11, 2021</i>	<i>67 days</i>	<i>June 18, 2021</i>
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Calendar Analysis

Trimester 1 61 days
Trimester 2 58 days
Trimester 3 67 days
Total 186 days
- 4 Professional Development
- 1 Retreat Day
- 1 Optional Holiday
Total 180 Instructional Days

*Redirect Your PA Taxes to A
Catholic School of Your
Choice!*

EITC Webinar

Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

Email:

**jneeld@foundationforcatholiceducation.org
for login information.**

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Online Resources for eLearning at Home

Please find these [e-Learning Resources](#) to assist your school in planning for e-learning days overall and now specific to the COVID-19 virus.

Hershey Park Ticket Discounts - *** Updated Deadline ***

The previously scheduled deadline of March 31, 2020 has been extended to Thursday, April 30th, 2020. The ticket rate is \$36.95 (all ages) and is valid any one day through 9/27/2020.

Contact: Brittany Hoke (800-242-4236)

Curriculum Assistance

The Curriculum committees are working on skills checklists linking standardized testing skills to our curriculum and integrating the Religion and Technology, as needed for the implementation of STREAM. Our Hope is to have these completed by the Principals' Academy in June. We are in need of teachers to assist in this process, especially in the primary and middle grades. If you have quality teachers who could assist, please complete the attached form and return them to Sr. Edward (sr.edward@archphila.org).

Low Income / Title I Surveys

If you have not returned your Philadelphia Resident Surveys please mail to **OCE, 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, ATTN: Dr. Eileen Schweyer.**

Suburban Resident Surveys are to be returned to the respective school district.

Elementary Administrators Development Program (EADP) Information Session

Join us to find out if the Elementary Administrators Program is for you! The 2020-2021 program information session will be held:

Monday, May 4th | 4pm - 5pm

Brothers House - campus of Archbishop Carroll High School

Contact: Bernadette Dougherty (bdougherty@archphila.org)

Job Opportunities

- [St. Jerome Catholic School - Principal](#)
- [Sacred Heart - Development Director](#)
- [Presentation BVM - Principal](#)
- [St. Ignatius of Antioch - Principal](#)



Professional Development

Cora Professional Development Topics

Cora is offering the following topics for professional development. They will come to your location, at your convenience, and funding will be provided (until depleted), so there is no cost to the individual or school. Contact: Dr. Paul Haughton

- Understanding Cognitive Assessment
 - Understanding ADHD in the Classroom
 - Suicide Risk Assessment
 - Trauma and Depression in the Classroom
 - Bullying
 - Working with Autistic Children
 - Reading / Math Disabilities
 - Mindfulness in the Classroom
 - Literary Strategies for Grades 7 - 12 to Aid in Comprehension
 - Reading Strategies (based on the Jennifer Serravallo book "Reading Strategies")
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Catechetical Core Credit Opportunity

Teachers may earn a core credit by completing a DVD course offered by the Office for Catechetical Formation. This is a bargain at only \$25!

Contact: Kathy Pfeffer (kpfeffer@archphila.org)

Teacher Residency Program * Deadline extended to April 30 *****

Registrations are being accepted for a new cohort in the Teacher Residency program. Please share.

Contact: Sister Edward (sr.equinn@archphila.org)

Earn 1 (one) Elective Catechetical Certification Credit (Teachers Grades K-8)

Sophia Institute will hold this workshop and, due to a grant from a generous benefactor, there is NO FEE for the day.

Bearing Witness Program

Teachers of Social Studies, English, Religion and Fine Arts - 6th to 12th grades - are encouraged to apply. Please see the attached information and application form.

Contact: Sister Maureen L. McDermott, IHM, Ph.D. (sr.mmcdermott@archphila.org)

Share the News!

Congratulations!!

Bernadette Dougherty

2020 NCEA

Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award



A born leader, Bernadette spearheads many programs within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She administrates our Elementary Administrators Development Program (EADP) to develop Principal skills in individuals looking to become Administrators in our schools. First and primary in her sessions, she incorporates Catholic Identity to ensure candidates know our faith and mission comprise the reason for our schools.

Bernadette Dougherty serves as the Office of Catholic Education, OCE, Liaison to our Elementary School Administrators Association, ESAA. This board provides an outstanding three-day principal conference each year in October in Cape May, New Jersey. While at the NCEA various conferences, Bernadette Dougherty attends various workshops looking for speakers who will benefit our principals. She works with this group to arrange everything that is involved in scheduling the speakers from cost, to transportation, and housing. Each year, the conference surpasses the principals' expectations.

Bernadette Dougherty believes in life-long learning that she knows is essential to keep herself current in the many activities that she does. Bernadette teaches a class each semester at Immaculata University. She provides professional development to all of our schools. This year she focused on Professionalism using the Charlotte Danielson Framework and pamphlets published by the NCEA. She reads books, surfs the Internet, and engages in professional dialogue with her colleagues. She works with principals to provide whatever they need to support and strengthen their schools.

Bernadette Dougherty goes well beyond the call of duty to assist someone in her school or a colleague. Although she is very busy assisting others, her door is always open, and her phone is always on to help someone in need. Simple gestures such as gathering the team together to go to lunch, putting a card out for someone for all to sign, or offering candy in her office symbolize the caring, respectful, and supportive person that Bernadette is.

Bernadette Dougherty as an outstanding Catholic Leader in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She lives all the tenants of the Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award. Bernadette Dougherty stands out as someone who deserves to receive this award.

Excerpts from the Nomination for Bernadette Dougherty.

Do You Have Good News to Share? Let Us Know!!

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