



## *Monthly Messenger - June 2021*

*Monthly Newsletter from the Secretary of Elementary Education*



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### **End of Year Message from Dr. Andrew McLaughlin**

Dear Teachers,

I presume, like myself, you anxiously await the end of this school year. Before you pack up for the summer, I want to sincerely express how thankful I, and all at the Office of Catholic Education, are for your gallant efforts this year. My list is endless as I compose what I want to specifically thank you for.

I recognize your bravery, dedication and perseverance to our students. You showed the world that quality education could safely take place in the midst of a pandemic. You adjusted and made it happen.

In spite of all of the daily challenges, based on our Terra Nova scores, our students accomplished great heights. This is solely attributable to your tireless efforts. During all of the new challenges, with interruptions, synchronous learning and mitigation practices, you were able to keep learning at the forefront.

I want to thank you for your dedication to teaching the Catholic Faith. Nothing was more important to our students during these unstable times. Reassurance that God loves them and was there for them and knowing that the Holy Spirit would give them courage and that they would emerge on the other side was needed.

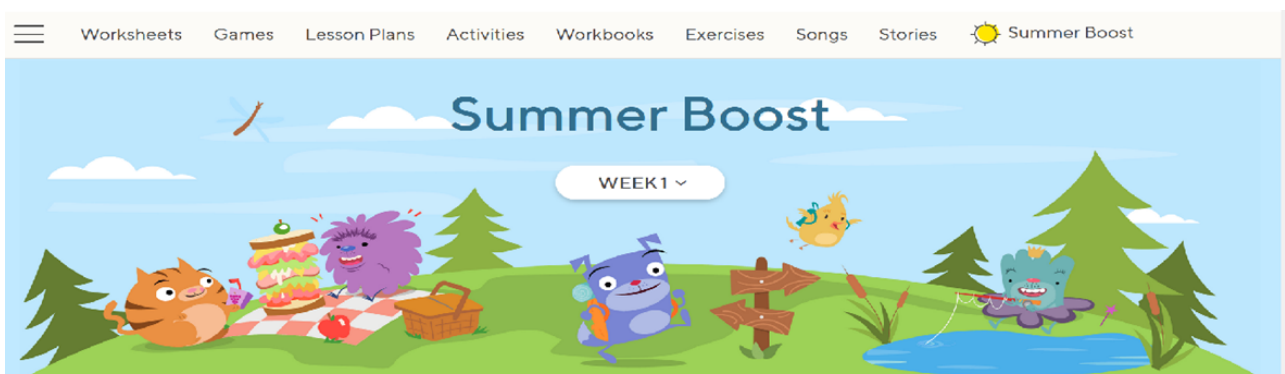
Thank you for all you have done. I pray that you will have a restful, recuperative summer. I hope it is filled with events that make you remember normalcy and lasting memories. Please be safe and I look forward to a 2021-2022 school year like those prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

God bless you and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year.

*Dr. Andrew McLaughlin*  
*Secretary of Elementary Education*

## Upcoming Events

- June 2 - 11 - End-of-Year Assessments
- June 11 - Early Childhood Closing
- June 16 - 8th Grade Closing Exercises
- June 16 - Final 8th Grade Placement Forms Due to High Schools
- June 17 - Third Trimester Ends
- June 18 - School Closing
- June 21 - 23 - Principal Leadership Academy
- June 25 - Official School Calendar Due
- June 25 - Teacher Evaluation Form Due
- June 25 - Teacher/Principal Attendance Form Due
- June 25 - Principal Evaluation by Pastor Due
- June 25 - Updated Honors Math Forms Due
- June 25 - Drill Form Due



### **Summer Resources for Students:**

Help your students to avoid a learning loss over the summer by providing them with available, no-cost learning resources available for every grade level from **education.com**. There are new

resources for every week during the summer. If parents want additional resource in addition to the free ones, they can subscribe for a small fee. This is a web site worth sharing:

<https://www.education.com/summer-boost/>

Don't forget to share faith activities with them to do over the summer as well. Suggest some of the following:

- Attendance at Sunday Mass as a Family
- Reading a passage from the Bible each day.
- Pray the Rosary as a family
- Do some kind deeds for those who may need your help.
- Read a book about the life of a saint
- Visit some of the Catholic Shrines in the Philadelphia



### **[First Year Teachers — A Reminder](#)**

As noted in an earlier communication, all first-year teachers who began their induction last August will have their second session as part of this process at the end of this month. You can choose either date:

**June 28, 2021 - Archbishop Ryan High School**, 11201 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

**June 30, 2021 - Archbishop John Carroll High School**, 1211 Matsonford Road, Radnor, PA 19087

The day will begin with Registration at 8:30 and conclude by 2:30. This is a required component of the induction program. To indicate which session you will be attending, please complete the information at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/HoPxLtDcc82WA1dM7>



## Welcome Jennifer Danford!

Please welcome Jennifer Danford as our new Director of Enrollment for OCE Elementary. Jennifer is a dedicated private school Director of Admissions with over 5 years of experience of working with a culturally diverse population of students. Jennifer comes from Saint Hubert Catholic High School for Girls, where she has a strong track record of using data driven and market researched strategies to increase student enrollment and student quality simultaneously. She has experience managing multiple projects while meeting

strict and challenging deadlines. With her strong professional skills in Marketing, Student Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, Event Planning, and Team Building allowed her to ensure effective results. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kutztown University and resides in Philadelphia, PA (Morrel Park) with her husband Joe and 11-year-old daughter Katherine. They are active members of Christ the King Parish, where her daughter has been attending Christ the King School since Pre-School.

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