



Monthly Messenger – June 2022

Monthly Newsletter from the Secretary of Elementary Education



Message from Dr. Andrew McLaughlin

Dear Catholic School Educators,

At the end of last year, I was sure the worst was behind us. However, as this year began, we faced an even greater challenge. As I look back, I cannot help to feel such a great sense of appreciation for all of the hard work our schools demonstrated during this time. All school staff persevered to keep the school environment as normal as possible for the sake of the children and the mission of Catholic Education. Thank you for your dedication. Your efforts were nothing short of incredible.

These efforts were documented by how well our children succeeded. As a diocese, our children's scores gave evidence of one year of growth in every content area at every grade level tested. This is incredible success and unimaginable given the challenges you all faced. You all deserve such great praise for doing this with such an uproar surrounding us.

As you begin to wind down the school year, I pray that you can rest and recover from this difficult school year. Know that your steadfast dedication to our students was a beacon of light in these difficult times. I hope now, in the next few months, that rest, joy and peace fill your days.

As we begin our summer months, let us together pray:

We put ourselves into Your hands, Lord, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our

home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you!

*Dr. Andrew McLaughlin
Secretary of Elementary Education*

Upcoming Events

- June 20-22 - Principal Leadership Academy
- June 24 - Official School Calendar Due
- June 24 - Teacher Evaluation Due
- June 24 - Teacher & Principal Attendance Due
- June 24 - Principal Evaluation by Pastor Due
- June 24 - Updated Honors Math Form Due
- June 24 - Drill Form Due



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/>



Edmentum Worksheet Bundles

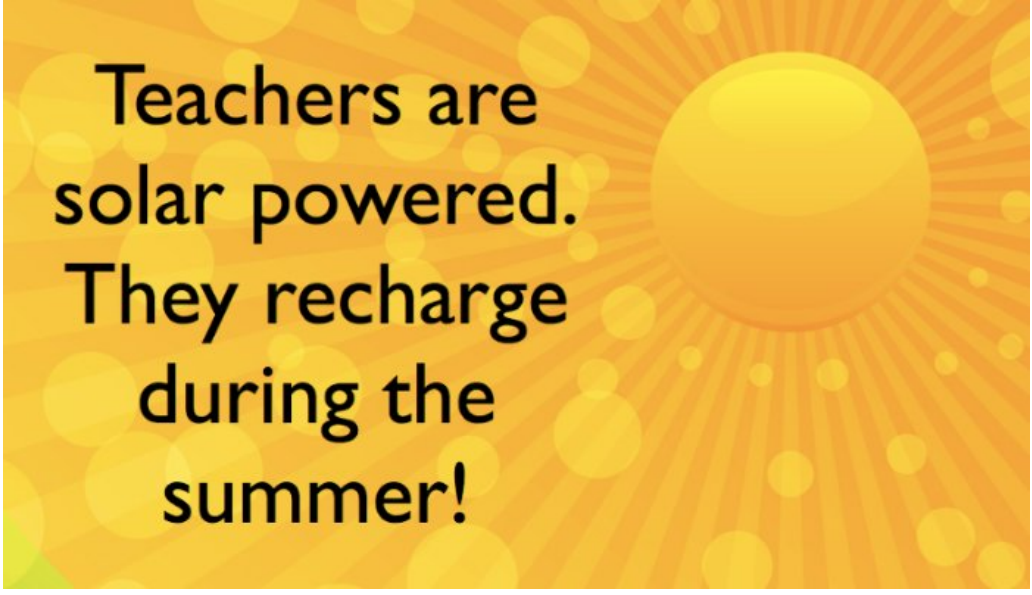
Download [grade-specific worksheet bundles](#) for your students to take home!

These bundles include math, language arts, science, reading and literacy activities from a variety of Edmentum's online programs. Available for every grade level.



Don't forget to share faith activities to do over the summer. Give the students a summer calendar to record their activities.

- Attendance at Sunday Mass as a family.
 - Reading a passage from the Bible each day.
 - Read a biography of a saint.
 - Pray the Rosary as a family.
 - Do some kind deeds for those who may need your help.
 - Visit some of the Catholic shrines in the Philadelphia region.
 - Keep a jar to collect change for a mission or relief fund.
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**Teachers are
solar powered.
They recharge
during the
summer!**

"For many of you, the school year has ended or will soon end. The end of the year is filled with transitions, graduations, awards assemblies, speeches, retirements, transfers, final exams, the last day of school, final report cards, and lots of stress. As the year draws to a close, there are thank you's, tears, farewells, and often the belief that next year, when we will begin anew all of the problems we faced this year may disappear. It is one of the benefits of being a professional educator; we can always look forward to a new beginning."

Prepare for the New School Year

Prepare Spirituality

As a Catholic School teacher, you are a role model for the students you teach. Take the time during the summer to rest and restore yourself. Reflect on the questions:

- Are you a person of prayer?
- Do you regularly attend Mass and receive the Sacraments?
- Do you take the time to read the Bible or other spiritual books?
- Did you model for your students the virtues of patience, kindness and concern for others?

Prepare Academically

- Study the data for the students you will have in the coming year so you will know their needs.
- Study the data for the students you had this past year so you can improve your instructional skills.

- Familiarize yourself with the curriculum you will be teaching. Align your programs to the curriculum. In this way you will be making sure not to waste time teaching things you are not required to teach.
- Create a pacing chart for your curriculum. This will help to keep you on target.
- Do some research on topics you would like to teach differently next year.

Plan Your Classroom

- Classroom decorations
- Create a Religion Bulletin Board - with a plan to change periodically
- Prepare seating arrangements
- Develop a list of classroom responsibilities that students can share.

Prepare to Welcome New Faculty and Renew Old Relationships

- Plan at least one faculty “spirit booster” that you will take responsibility for during the coming year.

REST, RELAX and RESTORE!

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