

**Catholic School Update
August 10, 2018**



Feast of the Assumption, August 15

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Office Closure Reminder - Holy Day Feast of the Assumption

Please note that the Curia offices will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th, in recognition of the Holy Day Feast of the Assumption.



Future Discipleship II Seminars-Follow Jesus

We have planned for the Discipleship II Seminars for teachers and administrators next August. Some of your parishes may have received information about hosting the Discipleship II Seminar over the next few months. We have been asked about teachers and administrators attending those sessions as they are right on their campuses. It is ok to take advantage of these opportunities. The drawback would be that they will be more general and not specifically geared to teachers. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Upcoming 2018-2019 Registrations

Newly Hired Teachers

All teachers new to the diocese are expected to attend a special welcome and orientation on Thursday, August 16th at the Diocese of Green Bay starting at 9 am-12 pm. For those who will need VIRTUS training, it will be held from 12:30-4:00pm(separate registration signup below). All new employees must attend a VIRTUS training before teaching classes. Fee (includes lunch and materials): \$25/teacher. **Please register by August 13th.**

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Weekly Updates-Paving the Way for a New Era in Catholic Schools - Superintendent's Blog

Recently, I read the article [Why school superintendents should blog](#) by Michael Niehoff and it struck a chord with me as a “new” superintendent. In my career as a teacher and principal, I have always prided myself on an “open door”, transparent way of doing business. So, I will attempt via this blog to do just that. As I look ahead at the future of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Green Bay, an exciting and vibrant road. But, to get there we all must practice the “art” of storytelling, to tell our stories and we all must practice a growth mindset so that we are always learning & leading. In the weeks ahead I will share my thoughts on Catholic Education, share some of the amazing things happening in our Catholic Schools, and share where we are going as a diocese. This blog can be found here: <https://cso-gbd.blogspot.com/>



PowerSchool

Training

If you would like more PowerSchool Training, feel free to join any of the sessions

Administrative Assistants - August 13, 9:00 - 12:00 Diocesan Office - Education Conference Rm

General - August 14, 1:00-4:00 - St Mary Catholic High School

General - August 16, 1:00-4:00 - Diocesan Office - Bona 39

Administrative Assistants - August 20 - 9:00-12:00 Diocesan Office - Bona 39

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Becky Krahn will be available for a combination of presentation, focus on PS12/New Student Contacts and individual assistance with your questions. **Please register in order that we know who to expect.**

MAP



The fall MAP window is from September 5 - October 25. Please submit your CRF a week prior to testing. If you have had staff changes, please submit the names of teachers who should no longer have access to MAP data to your MAP administrator.

Reminders from Safe Environment

This is a good time of year to go over Safe Environment practices. Here is a checklist for your convenience. Successful programs always hinge on strong relationships, good communication and clear expectations.

- Have some of your key players been taking extra time off during the summer and are now getting back at it? Time to touch base with them, renew your relationships and re-clarify expectations and timetables.
- Do you have new players on board (Priest, Pastoral Leader, Principal, Teachers, DRE or Youth Minister)? Stop by and welcome them. Explain LoSec role and how you can help each other out.
- All clergy and employees must review and sign off on "Our Promise to Protect" each year. This is a good time to send that out to everyone.
- As new employees and volunteers come on board make sure that they are aware of the Safe Environment Requirements and that all new people are getting their background check submitted and signing up for VIRTUS.
- Get that Code of Conduct to your volunteers and get those signatures back.
- As new people come on board it's a good time for LoSec to clean up your records of employees or volunteers who have moved on and won't need that criminal background re-check (use your tools in eApps - Quick Statistics and the Recheck Queue).
- There is a Safe Environment Social Communication Policy implemented last year. This policy is for all staff.
- Review the requirements for Safe Environment training for children. Are they building that into their curriculum for this year? What is their contingency plan if there are weather problems when that is planned? Are they aware of the student absent/ Opt Out procedures? Do they know about the VIRTUS Safe Environment training for children materials on our website.

<http://www.gbdioc.org/protectingourchildren/lesson-plans-for-children.html>

All grades are expected to complete the lesson plans found in the link above and to document the teaching of the plans. We suggest October, January, and April for the months in which the lessons take place in the school. You may supplement the lessons but the basic lessons should be taught.

Smile and remember that God loves you!

Thank you for playing such an important role in protecting of children and individuals at risk!

God bless,

Deacon Dan Wagnitz

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Compass in the Classroom

Compass in the Classroom is a great way to integrate faith in several curricular areas. It is also a great way to engage families in what is happening when students take the Compass home after using.

An advertisement for 'The Compass in the Classroom'. On the left, there is a graphic with a compass rose and the text 'The Compass in the Classroom' over a green brushstroke background. In the center, the text reads: 'DID YOU KNOW? The Compass in the Classroom is FREE to schools and religious education programs. Not receiving your 25 FREE copies of The Compass each week? Contact us today for more information! Phone: (920) 272-8208 Toll Free: (877) 500-3580, ext. 8208 Email: compasscirc@gbdioc.org Web: www.thecompassnews.org'. On the right, there is the Diocese of Green Bay logo and a circular badge that says 'ADDED BONUS: September 21 Issue will have the Diocesan Directory In It!'.

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Watch for email regarding WRISA Annual Report. If you did not host a team visit in 2017-18, you can begin to review your Long Range Plan.

Tips to help

- Use + button at top of page to add new goal.
- Use [edit](#) link on right side to edit goal.
- Use [delete](#) link on right side to delete goal.
- Only goals since your last team visit should be included.
- Give completion date for goals completed in 2017-2018; there should be indication of several goals completed during 2017-2018.
- Provide explanation of how goal was completed.
- If goal that was targeted for 2016-2017 was not completed, give a reason for not reaching the goal and explanation of progress; give a new target date.
- Be sure that there are several goals listed for 2017-2018 and other years left in this cycle of accreditation.

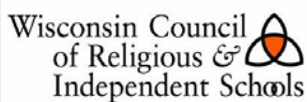
If you have or will achieve all the goals that your self-study and visiting team have provided, then create goals that you plan for school improvement. Label these new goals with the quality indicator closest to what you plan to do or label the goal "extend". If you are doing a self-study this year, then two goals can be "reflect and prepare self-study" and "prepare for team visit". Each year you must report on goals from the previous year and have goals with a target date for the new academic year.



Accreditation Team Members needed!

Please Sign Up Here!

Don't Miss It: Round 2 of School Safety Grants



In order for a school to be eligible for the second round of school safety grant funding, you must complete a short "Intent to Apply" survey on the Department of Justice website by August 13, 2018.

Filling out this survey does not obligate you to apply for school safety funding. However, if you do not complete the survey, you will not be able to

apply for the funds. Grant applications for the second round are due August 30, 2018.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes.

Go [here](#), scroll down, and click the link "Intent to Apply." You will be asked for the following information:

1. Type of school: (select private);
2. Name and contact information for the school or central office (If you belong to a system of private schools, your systems office information will go here);
3. List of schools represented in the grant application;
4. Enrollment numbers reported to the DPI for 2017-2018;
5. Certification that the person completing the survey has the legal authority to bind the school (The person who signed the first grant or the person who can legally bind the school to a contract); and,
6. Contact information for the person completing the survey (Information of the person listed in line 5).

That's it! You're done!

If you have any questions about the grant and its prerequisites, see the grant announcement on the Office of School Safety [website](#) for more details.



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LInCS Program at The Greeley Center, U of Loyola Chicago

The idea behind this one-year four-course certificate program is to empower Catholic School Leaders with the tools they need to successfully include students with disabilities in their school. It is ideal for principals, of course, but also for teachers interested in a future career in admin or for central office staff in a diocese that does not have the luxury of having a person dedicated to the needs of Exceptional Learners.

As I am co-teaching the last course in the cycle with Mike, I am experiencing all that the current cohort has learned throughout the year. It is exciting to see their new-found confidence in making admissions decisions, starting Student Support Teams, using their knowledge of the law to partner with their LEA, meeting with parents, and many other duties that often can stymie principals and keep them from taking a step into Inclusion.

My understanding is that there is significant scholarship money available, particularly for school leaders who may be religious brothers or sisters but also for lay principals. Mike is the person who has all the details on that. I know there is an automatic tuition discount for all Catholic School employees, but I understand that these scholarships are beyond that. I believe there are only two more spaces available in the course, so again, if someone is interested they should email Mike or Sandria immediately. Here is a link to specifics about this program: <https://www.luc.edu/gcce/inclusivepractices/certificateinleadinginclusiveschools/>

God Bless,
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Remind

Receive reminders about when the Catholic Update is available and important deadline dates. [Sign up for Remind](#). If you have already signed up, no need to do it again.



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If you saw something and can't recall where you saw it, [check the Index](#).

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