

# Catholic School Update

## April 13, 2018

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.*

Blessed Easter Season!!

Celebrate for 50 days!



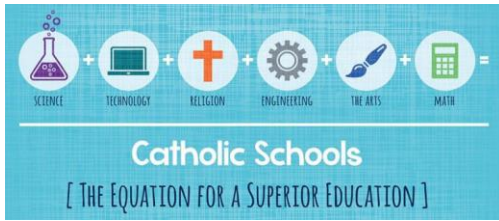
### Accreditation



We need many WRISA visiting accreditation teams for 2018-2019. Those of you have served on a team know the benefits of professional development and the opportunity to see another school in action. In order to keep the cost of WRISA accreditation

down, we depend on principal and teachers to serve on teams. If schools do not offer this professional courtesy of providing team members, we may have to charge your school for the cost of team members when your school needs a visiting team. Please offer to serve on teams. Principals, please do not sign up for a school that is in your DASA region. It is preferable that your teachers also serve outside the DASA region schools, though exceptions may need to be made. In order to prepare for 2018-2019, please sign up below for the needed teams by May 1st.

[Sign up here](#)




[NCEA STREAM Conference](#) - UpSTREAM: A Paddle and a Plan. June 21-22 in Chicago. If your staff is interested in STEM education, you may want to check out this conference.

## Textbook Inventory

Please [send](#) your updated inventory list of the main curriculum materials you are using. You do not need to create a new list, you can just send what you have. This information will be helpful for future planning and as schools look to change and update materials. If possible - by April 30 (feel free to assign this task to an Administrative Assistant)



## WCRIS Professional Learning Conference

Wisconsin Council  
of Religious &   
Independent Schools

[Registration open](#) -  
August 10 at Glacier Canyon Lodge -  
Wisconsin Dells  
Audience - all teachers and administrators

## Einstein Project - Science Fair and Chain Reaction Competition

Registration is still open! Get your student registered today for the Science Fair and/or Chain Reaction Competition: <https://goo.gl/KoR946>

Not ready to demonstrate a project? Come to the event to participate in the Instant Engineering Challenges and Tinkering Space Activities.

April 28, 9:00 AM at NWTC





## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



### **Glenn Rehberg, Interim Director of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS)**

The WCC would like to share a news release just received today, from Attorney General Brad Schimel.

AG Schimel announces the appointment of Glenn Rehberg, Interim Director of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS). *We have attached the announcement* to this message which is self-explanatory, however, please refer to page 2 which explains the "formal grant application" process for any school that is interested in applying for school safety grant funding.

If you are interested in applying for grant funding, please include the six pieces of information required for submission, and submit a short letter of interest to DOJ at [schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us).

Thank you everyone.

Larry Haas on behalf of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC)

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### **Licensing**



The movement on licensing is in flux but moving slowly forward.

On April 3, 2018 Governor Walker signed the teacher license fix (SB711) which recognizes the experience of nonpublic school teachers. So now the licensing laws apply to all

public and nonpublic teachers and administrators.

Initial teachers and administrators received notification that they now have a 3-year provisional license with a new license number. This is a first step in the conversion process. They do not need to complete a PDP. The next step for the DPI is to create and issue an application for lifetime license and determine how and by whom the years of experience will be documented. The years of experience must be teaching in a Wisconsin school within 5 years previous to the request for lifetime license. So initial educator experience thus far will count.

Professional educators will eventually receive a lifetime license with a background check required every five years. You will receive an

email when the conversion to lifetime license has been completed. Details on the background check are not yet available. It is likely that if your license expires in 2018 that you will need to submit a background check and a small processing fee. Details are not yet available.

The provisional license and lifetime license (when conversion is completed) will qualify the educator to teach what you are currently qualified for.

Questions about an individual's license can be referred to [Sister Kay](#). Please continue to watch for the WCRIS Current Events email. They are keeping us as up to date as possible on this issue.

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## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Presentation

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Presentation - April 18, Franklin Middle School 1233 Lore Ln, Green Bay, WI. Learn about the groundbreaking study that is inspiring communities to understand the impact of toxic stress on brain development. Come together to support academic and health outcomes for children. We all play a role in promoting resiliency within our youth!



Presented by Sara Daniel of [SaintA](#), a human services agency out of Milwaukee, which provides family-centered care.

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## Great Resource for Newsletters and other Resources



Sr. Patricia McCormack has a website with all kinds of resources for parents and teachers including over 100 free to use newsletters. Check out... <http://parentteachersupport.org>

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## Discipline with Purpose Basic Training Workshop - August 22, Hosted at Roncalli

We continue to hear from employers that people do not have the “soft skills” necessary for the workplace and beyond. DWP is a program that focuses on skills necessary for life.



Discipline with Purpose is a nationally recognized program designed to teach students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade the most important skills they can learn – skills of self-discipline. In this workshop participants learn to distinguish actions that require disciplinary consequences from those that indicate self-discipline skills are missing. They learn about the 4 skills of discipline and how they fit into the wider framework of 15 self-discipline skills. They review field tested lesson plans and discover four ways to teach the 15 skills. They build action plans that are realistic and practical and can be used immediately.

[\(click the link for registration materials\)](#)



#### ***NCEA Parent Engagement Flyer***

Summer vacation can be a great time for rest and renewal for educators and students. But every year, there is concern about how to keep students from sliding backwards

academically when their study routines are interrupted. This month's Parent Engagement Flyer – in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) – addresses how to help keep students from sliding backwards in their faith routines. Dr. Chad Riley, principal at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, TX, offers some tips to help keep faith alive over summer break.

All of the parent flyers are archived on the [NCEA website](#).

#### ***Planning NCEA 2019 - April 23-25 - Chicago***

We are aware that your calendars for next year are set. However, please begin to think about ways in which you could send teachers or yourself to the conference. Even if it is just for one day, it would be a worthwhile experience. At the pre-planning meeting we attended, it sounds like the keynote speakers will be great and they are looking at a possibility of having a Pastor/Principal day. If you have a teacher or group of teachers doing innovative work they would like to share, think about applying to present. Breakout presenters are given free registration for the conference. Visit [NCEA.org](#) for more information.

**Earth Day April 22**

This year's Earth Day program, from the Catholic Climate Covenant Organization, "Beyond a Throwaway Culture-Reduce Waste, Grow Community" is a one-hour educational program that includes prayers, readings, actions, and a video, designed to raise awareness on how the overuse of single-use disposable plastics contributes to what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture." From contributing to land and marine pollution to increasing our use of carbon-producing fuels, our reliance on single-use plastics has a devastating impact on God's creation.



You are invited to download the program, share it with your parish, school, or religious community. Though targeted for use as part of an Earth Day celebration, the program may be used at a time that best fits your community's schedule.

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## Frequently asked Questions about the Alpha Course for Catholic School Teachers and Staff



This Q & A document is prepared to answer common questions about Alpha. Each school location needs to prepare a plan to incorporate Alpha into its school plans for 2018-2019. Each school/system will determine the best format and schedule for its needs. The Alpha-Day-Away is recommended as a retreat day. One suggestion is that DASA groups conduct the retreat days together for their schools.

Using a monthly meeting Alpha schedule, the retreat day should come about February. The continuation of the monthly Alpha meetings would carry you to the end of the year.

Note that the Discipleship Seminar in August and the Alpha workshops throughout 2018-2019 fulfill the contractual catechetical course for everyone for 2018-2019.

Here are the forms needed to document individual Alpha attendance, leader sign-in and August Discipleship Seminar. These forms will also be found on the Education Google site under Alpha.

To download this Q & A document, click [here](#).

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**Diocesan Library Media Association**

Diocesan Library Media Association - May 3, 2018  
4:30-6:00 pm at Good Company Restaurant, 110 N.  
Richmond St., Appleton, WI 54912. End of the year  
wrap-up and planning for 2018-2019. Come for one  
session or all. Please respond to Mary Ellen Fisher if  
you will be able to attend. Hope to see you  
there! Mary Ellen: mfisher @xaviercatholicschools.org



## Administrative Professionals Day - April 25



Special thanks to our school Administrative Assistants for all the work you do to help Administrators. As well as all you do for teachers and students. You are first line of welcome and solace in the school.

## Best Practices

This idea comes from Paul Galuska and All Saints School in Antigo. "Worshiper of the Week." The teachers use a [set of criteria](#) and select a student from his/her class each week who has exhibited the behaviors in the list of criteria. During the weekly mass, the priest presider presents two students with a wrist band for "Worshiper of the Week."



## Every Kid in a Park



Did you know there is a program with our national parks to get free passes for 4th graders and their families? Check out the website and forward it to parents as they may be planning on visiting one of our nation's parks this summer. [4th Grader Teachers, Students and Parents - Every Kid in a Park.](#)

## Prospective Principals

Have teachers interested in becoming a principal? Contact Sister Kay with name and contact information. Here's an opportunity. Check it out [here](#).

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