



Catholic School Update February 23, 2018

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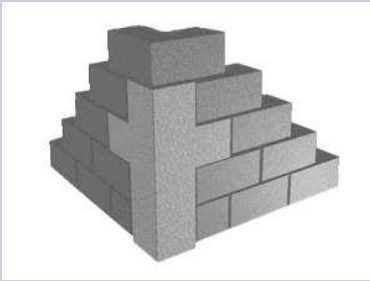
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray, Amen.

2018 8th Grade Diploma/Certificate of Attendance Order

The 2018 diploma/certificate of attendance order form has new pricing on it. **Orders must be placed by March 16, 2018!** No additional orders will be placed. The Office of Catholic Schools will not keep extra diplomas/certificate of attendance or covers on hand, so please order extra sheets if an error occurs. The diplomas/certificates should be done around mid April. It will be posted in the Catholic School Update when they are ready for pickup. Please [Click here](#) for the order form. Any questions, please contact [Lisa Francl](#).



Initial Educators



Just a reminder, the meeting for Initial Educators to complete the Methods B Foundational Catechetical Course is **March 8 from 9:00-2:30** in the Chancery Building on the Diocesan Campus, 1825 Riverside Dr., Allouez, WI. Lunch will be served. We look forward to checking in with all our new educators.

Get Connected

Marc VandenHouten, principal at St. Mary, Luxemburg created a *Diocese of Green Bay School Administrators* Facebook page. It is a closed page so when you go to it you will need to be accepted. Learn and share with other principals around the diocese.



We also have a *Diocese of Green Bay Catholic School Educators* page dedicated to teachers.

There is also a group created for *Diocese of Green Bay Pre-K*.



Educator Appreciation

Baseball Fans - If you are a baseball fan, the Green Bay Bullfrogs are offering an Educator Appreciation Night on June 7th. See the [link](#) for details.

Change in 2018-2019 Calendar

Due to a scheduling conflict the Initial Educator Methods B will change from March 7 to **March 14**. Hopefully, it will not bump into anyone's spring break. Additionally, the High School Principals meeting is changed from March 9 to **March 1**.



Upcoming Technology Conferences

WEMTA - (Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association) - March 27-27 - WI Dells

ISTE - (International Society for Technology in Education) June 24-27 - Chicago

SITA - (Summer Instructional Technology Academy) July 31 - August 2 - St. Norbert College



Contracts for 2018-2019

The most significant contract change for the 2018/19 contract year is the development of the Initial Contract which should be given to an employee during their first academic year of employment for any new position the employee holds during their tenure at a school or school system. During the initial contract the employer may terminate the contract at any time with or without cause. In essence, the initial contract, works like a year-long orientation period and we are hopeful this gives you more time to evaluate and coach the employee while in a new position. The other contract (Administrator/Teacher/ Director of Religious Education contract) should be used when an employee is not new to a position or school. This contract does require sufficient cause to terminate the contract; therefore, is much more difficult to dismiss the employee from employment. In addition, the language requiring the employee to work for 30 days when an employee gives notice after August 15th has been removed since the clause was not being utilized and created some confusion in the past.

Contract forms, directions, and information are found on the diocesan school Google site (<http://site.ed-gbd.org>), under "Administrators" heading.



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Discipleship

An article for administrators, ***Forming Catholic School Principals as Leaders of the New Evangelization***, regarding

discipleship found here.

Alpha

Thank you for your planning for incorporating Alpha into your school inservice plans for 2018-2019. This Frequently Asked Q & A document may be helpful in answering questions.



Living Rosary Apostolate



Frank and Trudy Bonack from Three Lakes, WI are approved speakers for the Diocese of Green Bay to present the Living Rosary Apostolate. They give a 20-25 minute presentation at the schools and parishes and each participant will receive a 20-month daily decade schedule and information along with a free Blessed Rosary and pamphlet to take home and pray together as a family. Information is here regarding the history, process,

and meditations for the rosary.

A Youtube presentation is available below in the contact information. Frank or Trudy may be contacting you or you may reach out to them. Consider this opportunity.

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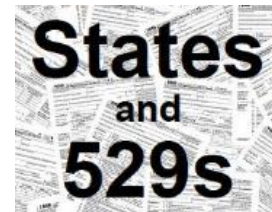
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Website https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ualr-oz8_g - The Living Rosary Apostolate video presentation

529 Tax Credits

Seeking more information on 529 tax credits, check out www.529k12facts.org



QPR Training



The QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. *The signs of crisis are all around us. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.* A session will be held at St. John Nepomucene Parish (Parish Hall), 323 Pine Street, Little Chute, on Monday, March 12, 2018, 10:00-11:30 am. No charge to attend*, but please RSVP before March 7th, so we have enough seats and materials.

RSVP by March 7, 2017

CIVIL WAR SCHOOL DAY

5th Grade Students

On May 15, 2018 the Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table is proud to present our eighth annual "Civil War School Day." The event will again be held at the Fireman's Park in Newton (just south of Manitowoc) from 9:30-1:30.

At this event, we plan to instruct students about various aspects of the Civil War era including military organization, camp life, battles, and culture. Students will experience camp life, military life, period medicines and a battle re-enactment. For more information, click here for [invitation](#) and [flier](#).



Lifest Tickets

We have been given **free** admission tickets to **Lifest** (a summer Christian music/activity

event in Oshkosh) to distribute to registered students in our Catholic Schools; one ticket per student) in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Lifest and the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Green Bay. [Click here for flier.](#)

Tickets may be picked up at any of our remaining professional development events/meetings or may be claimed during regular office hours at the Education Department. So if you or someone from your office is coming to the Diocesan Campus on any other business, just let us know and we'll have the tickets for your school/parish ready for pick-up.

In addition to these free tickets for students, there is a discount available on adult tickets (Use coupon code diocese18 when purchasing online. Offer good through May 31st).

[Click here to find out more about Lifest!](#)



2018 Essay Writing Contest for Students in Grades 6-8

Writing is an important component in the curriculum and becomes even more integral during middle school.

With support of the Diocese of Green Bay, the Serra Club is pleased to offer the opportunity for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades to exercise their writing skills by participating in the Serra Club of Green Bay's 2018 Essay Writing Contest on the topic of Vocations. Please click on the links below for more information.



- [Writing Contest Announcement, Rules and Submission Details](#)
- [Writing Contest Resources for Teachers](#)

Is it March Already? Time for ACRE!



Please make sure your assessment answer sheets (w/cover sheet) are submitted by the end of the month.

Here are some helpful links:

- [NCEA ACRE general information/updates](#)
- [User Resources \(sample letters to parents; admin manual; proctor guides/practice items; more\)](#)
- [Resources for setting up online format of ACRE](#)
- [Materials Ordering Process](#)
- [Need-to-Know Information about ACRE sheet \(Diocesan\)](#)

The toll free phone number for NCEA consultation services regarding ACRE is: 1-800-711-6232.

Please note that materials are available in Spanish, too.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy.

Save the dates for the following Formation Courses:

Level I, Part A July 9-14; Appleton

Level I, Part B July 16-21; Green Bay

[Brochure/Registration Form](#)



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Secretariat of Catholic Education

In the wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, I know many of you are reviewing Crisis and Emergency Plans in your diocese and school communities. We are sending this link to the Department of Education resource guide for developing school emergency plans should it prove of

assistance to you.

https://rems.ed.gov/docs/REMS_K-12_Guide_508.pdf

We are praying for the students, faculty and families of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School during this difficult time.

Please know you remain in our prayers during this Lenten Season,

Sister John Mary Fleming, OP
Executive Director

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