

Catholic School Update
March 9, 2018



Irish Blessing of Light
May the blessing of light be upon you,
light on the outside, light on the inside
with God's sunlight shining on you.
May your heart glow with the warmth like a turf fire
that welcomes friends and strangers alike.
May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes
like a candle in the window welcoming the weary traveler.
May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you,
falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul
with the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming.
May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you,
carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean sparking after in the sunlight.
May the blessing of God's earth be on you, and as you walk the roads,
may you always have a kind word for those you meet.
May you understand the strength and power of God
in a thunderstorm in winter
and the quiet beauty of creation in the calm of a summer sunset.
And may you come to realize that,
insignificant as you may seem in this great universe,
you are an important part of God's plan. Amen.
St. Patrick, pray for us!

**2018 8th Grade Diploma/Certificate of Attendance
Order**

LAST CALL



The 2018 diploma/certificate of attendance order form has new pricing on it and **new signatures**. **Diplomas and certificates from last year (2017) are no longer valid. 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](#).



Upcoming FREE NCEA Webinars

- [Check out](#) our free upcoming webinars below and register now to reserve your spot!

NCEA Parent Flyer

- NCEA Parent Newsletter on the 529 savings plan found [here](#).



Best Practices

St. Gregory School, St. Nazianz, has an unique Stations Service that combines physical education and the Stations of the Cross. The Stations as adapted from Sports Leader Stations of the Cross Workout. This is an interesting prayer for integrating physical education and faith and considers the kinesthetic learner. Check it out [here](#). Any questions, contact Rita Steffen at St. Gregory in St. Nazianz.



March 14 Protest/March

Prepare your response to students requesting to join the national march against gun violence as advocated by the students in FL for March 14. Consider responding from the perspective of our Catholic mission and provide for a walk to church or other prayer space and offer 17 minutes of prayer for the victims of violence, an end to violence and for peace. This could be the response of those who wish to participate or for all students to stop and pause to pray for 17 minutes. A prayer service from NCEA is found [here](#).



Licensing Update

The legislative “fix” to address licensure concerns of private school educators has been included in a bill (SB 711) that is awaiting action by Governor Walker. His staff has said that they don’t anticipate barriers to his support. The DPI is supportive of our concerns and is working closely with WCRIS on the resolution of these issues but we need the law changed via SB 711 to move forward.

Initial Educators: DPI will issue a new three-year provisional license to every educator who holds a valid Initial Educator license. DPI will automatically issue these new licenses are no cost to you but it will take some time to accomplish this on ELO. You do not need to complete a PDP.

Professional Educators: Educators who hold a Professional or Master Educator license that was to expire on June 30, 2018, do not need to apply to renew their license. The expiration date will be removed to become a lifetime license. Patience is the virtue to practice.

Einstein Project



The Einstein Project is charging full **STEAM** ahead with so many positive changes coming for the next school year!

Here's what you need to know now:

- The [Educator Portal](#) is now open for 2018-19 orders!
- We will be retiring units that do not align with the new Wisconsin Standards for

Science and NGSS. You can still order them and continue to use them until we have replacement units available. [Learn more!](#)

- You can learn more about new units and help us to test them out by participating in our free pilots. [Learn more!](#)
- Get your students registered for the 2018 Einstein STEAM Fair. The registration for this free event ends March 23rd. [Learn more!](#)
- Do you want to tinker in our makerspace? Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Pizza and A Project Night. The first one was March 8th at 4:30 PM. [Learn more!](#)
- Does this warmer weather have you thinking about summer? The Einstein Academy is certain to have PD sessions to energize your STEM instruction. [Learn more!](#)

MAP Spring 2018

The window for spring assessment is March 26-May 4. Please submit the CRF to your designated coordinator at least a week prior to testing. Student “warm up” tests have changed to “practice tests” which can be accessed at <https://practice.mapnwea.org>.



Talking about Vocations?



Essay Contest for Middle-Schoolers Cash Prizes!

The Green Bay Serra Club is sponsoring an essay contest for 6-7-8th grade students (Catholic School, Parish RE and Homeschool).

"What Does Vocation Mean to Me?"

Deadline to enter is April 15. Prizes awarded May 22, Manitowoc.

[Complete Rules, Submission Details](#)
[Writing Contest Resources for Teachers/Catechists](#)

The Serra Club is an international lay organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Club works locally with Bishop David L. Ricken and the Diocese of Green Bay's Office of Vocations. For more information about the Serra Club see <https://serraus.org>. For more information about the Serra Club of Green Bay see <http://www.gbdioc.org/vocations/promoting-vocations/serra-club.html>.

Faith & Football Be Uncommon!

Do you know any Catholic football players who want to be their best on and off the field?

Our Lady of Victory Football Camp is a 3.5-day, overnight high school football camp at St. Norbert College June 14-17. Space is limited . . .

New Special Offer: If a parish sends 4 kids (or more!) to the camp, each athlete will receive a \$150 discount -- making the total camp registration just \$345 per athlete!



[More Info & Registration](#)

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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