

Catholic School Update May 11, 2018



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Blessings to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those who nurture and “mother” children and young adults! May your special day be a blessing for you!



Last Call

If you have a retiring teacher or staff member after **30+** years of service in education, please submit name, position, school from which person is retiring and years of service. We will prepare a recognition letter from the Bishop for these individuals. Deadline is **May 15**. Thanks for your attention to this matter.





Discipleship Formation I

August 10, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier High School

August 24, 2018 at Notre Dame Academy

Please register the number of teachers, staff, and administrators for attendance at each of the Discipleship Formation I workshops. Administrators who attended the session at Silver Lake College last August do not need to attend this August but are welcome to join your school members if you wish. Preliminary registration for planning purposes is [here](#). Please complete by May 31. We may ask you during July to provide the names of all attendees for each session so we know the intentions of your school members.

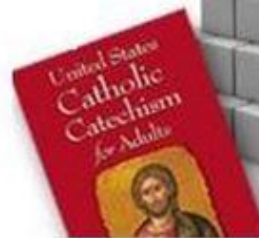
Coming This Summer!

Foundational Catechesis Components and Ongoing Formation

Open to any adult who would like to deepen their faith. No charge to attend!

FCC: Bible (Green Bay & Manitowoc)
Morality (Green Bay)

Ongoing Formation:
Theology of the Body (Green Bay)



[Link to Schedule](#)

[Link to Registration](#)



CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Linda Bjorkman from St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School for being the recipient of the 2018 Marinette Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce Achievement in Education award for Marinette County! She will receive her award at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 17. Thank you for your 32 years of service to St. Thomas Aquinas Academy!

Standards and Benchmarks Updates

We have made a couple of changes to the Safe Environment standards to match some of the VIRTUS language. The updated standards can be found on our [Office of Catholic Schools](#) (Google site) or on www.gbdioc.org under [Protecting God's Children](#) or the [Curriculum](#) page under Health and Wellness and Religion.



The Bishop has issued a revised *Our Promise to Protect*, our primary Diocesan Safe Environment policy. The updated policy is now posted and is available on our Diocesan website at: <http://www.gbdioc.org/images/stories/SafeEnvironment/OurPromiseToProtect.pdf>. Be sure you are providing all employees with the revised policy (March 2018) copy and obtaining the [acknowledgement form](#).



We have added the Digital Learning-Technology and Science 6-8 to the www.gbdioc.org site.

PowerSchool

Rollover scheduled for July 9th -12th 2018

Rollover will start at 8am on Monday morning, the server will be up as we are going to run the process during the day. We will have a note on the sign-on screen asking users to not log-in till the message is updated. Becky will need volunteers to log-in after the roll-over and verify that their data is correct.

Accreditation Workshops



Accreditation workshops are scheduled for June 19, on the Diocesan campus. The sessions are open to principals and any accreditation team members you wish to bring.

The morning session (9:00-11:30am) is in the Education Conference Room. This session focuses on the self-study and is helpful to all who need an overview or are completing the self-study process next year. The mechanics of using Google forms and website to complete the self-study will be covered.

The afternoon session (1-2:30pm) is in Room 39 and focuses on the team visit and the Action Plan that is written after the team visit.

There is no cost for the workshops but registration is required so resources can be prepared. If staying for both sessions, you may bring a lunch or enjoy a nearby restaurant.

[Click here to register](#)

Sophia Institute--Last Reminder

If you have not already signed up for the Sophia Institute on June 13 and 14, please do so now. We are approaching the "filled" status for these wonderful professional development days!



[Registration for June 13 "Encounter Jesus"](#)

[Registration for June 14 "Prayer"](#)

Religion Text Resource Approved

Bishop Ricken has approved the grade level materials from Sophia Institute. If you are interested in exploring the materials feel free to contact Robert Kenney Sr. Director of Marketing 800-888-9344 kenney@sophiainstitute.com

Faith & Football



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.

\$150 discount for parishes that send 4 or more kids to the camp (comes to \$345/person).

[Learn More/Registration](#)



**Save the Date
Plan to Attend
Invite Your Teachers**


Jubilee Mass
for the intentions of
Catholic Educators (Public, Parochial,
& Homeschool)
Sunday, October 17, 2018 (11am)
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

[More Info/Free Tickets](#)
(seating is limited)

Contact for Title Programs and Funding Help

The WI Private School Ombudsman, Abbie Pavela, may be contacted by phone at (608) 287-1224 or by email atessaombudsman@dpi.wi.gov.

Official business of the Ombudsman must go through this email to comply with state record retention laws and to allow WCRIS the ability to respond to open records requests without providing private organization information.

Wisconsin Council
of Religious & 
Independent Schools

Application Period for Child Sales Tax Rebate

Under [2017 Wisconsin Act 367](#), households will receive a \$100 rebate for Wisconsin

sales and use tax paid on purchases made for raising a qualified child in 2017. Eligible individuals can apply for the rebate beginning May 15 through July 2, 2018, if they have a dependent child who was under the age of 18 on December 31, 2017. For further details please refer to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) website at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/ise-ChildTaxRebate.aspx>.

Wisconsin Institutes Sales Tax Holiday

Also as a result of [2017 Wisconsin Act 367](#), Wisconsin will recognize a Sales Tax Holiday beginning on August 1 through August 5, 2018. During the holiday, identified items will be temporarily exempt from Wisconsin sales and use tax. For more detailed information, please refer to the Wisconsin DOR website at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Individuals/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx> Eligible Items List - <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORFAQ/STH-Exempt-Items-List.pdf>

Watch the WCRIS Current Events carefully as updated license, safety grant, and other on-going updates are discussed. Then you have the latest information!

Resources



- Check out the last [NCEA Parent Newsletter](#) for this academic year.
- Sophia Institute's Joy of the Gospel e-lessons for May: https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/joy-of-the-gospel?utm_source=Sophia+for+Teachers&utm_campaign=9459da2195-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_29&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9ac991
- Q & A on the Safety Grant: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/school-safety-initiative-grant-faqs>

Message from Superintendent Evers Regarding Licensure

Don't Fret. If you have a current license it will automatically be renewed. The Department for licensing is working the best they can to get everything up to date but know that no current teacher licenses will be dropped.



Mark Your Calendar



NWEA will be here for two different trainings for MAP.

November 19, 2018 will be a day on Reports and Goal and Growth Setting.

February 7, 2019 will be a day of using data to inform instruction.

The target audience is for administrators or teachers who lead other in using data. The cost will be \$125 per person (qualifies for Title funds).

There will be limited space.

Details will be provided at a later date.

