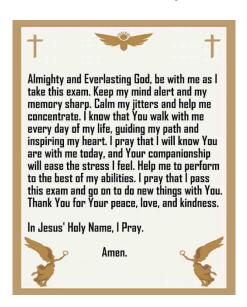
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PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 20, 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 20: New Principals' Meeting (St. Coleman)

March 5: Ash Wednesday
March 11: ACT Administration
March 14: Early Dismissal (Staff
PD); End of 3rd Quarter

March 17: Beginning of 4th Quarter

Dear Principals,

It was wonderful to see you at last week's Principals' Retreat. I hope that this retreat offered a boost of inspiration and renewal amidst a challenging time of year. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to read the "Redeeming Administration" book and perhaps discuss this book with your Council. There are many wonderful insights in this book that build upon Ann Garrido's comments during the retreat.

Terra Nova testing began this week in our elementary schools. Remember that if you have any issues or questions with testing administration, please contact Dr. LaTonya White in the OCS (lwhite@theadom.org).

Finally, let us continue to pray for the health of Pope Francis. St. Raphael, angel of healing, *pray for us*.

Jim Rigg, Ph.D.
Secretary of Education
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

ACCREDITATION UPDATE (Elementary):

The Annual Reports for Continued Accreditation (ARCA) were due in Accreditrac last Friday, February 14 for schools in accreditation cycles 1, 2, 4, and 5. If you need a copy of your **school specific ARCA Guide**, please email Dr. LaTonya White (lwhite@theadom.org). Please contact Mary Camp (mcamp@flacathconf.org) or Dr. White if you have any questions.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UPDATE (Secondary):

- o **District Leaders Only- Deadline April 30, 2025-** The self-service tool in AP Registration and Ordering is now available for districts the provide funding for AP Exams. Please see the attached email for more information.
- o March 14, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET: Spring course orders and fall order changes deadline.
- O Deadline April 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET: Deadline to indicate students' fee reduction status in AP Registration and Ordering.
- o The 2024-25 AP Coordinator's Manual Part 2 is now available for AP Coordinators.
- o AP Potential Access codes for AP Potential were sent out the first week of December 2024.
- AP Coordinator Annual Calendar and Deadlines Here is a link to assist AP Coordinators in keeping track of important deadlines for Advanced Placement.
- AP Courses That Begin After November 15- Here is a link to assist any AP Coordinators who have not yet set up second semester courses in AP Registration and Ordering.
- <u>Digital AP Exams</u>- Here is a link to more information about the Spring 2025 Digital AP Exams. This includes <u>links to sample free-response booklets</u> for each hybrid digital AP subject.

BLUE MISSIONS:

Many of our schools are working with <u>Blue Missions</u>, a local non-profit organization that is dedicated to advocating for a world there is water for all, forever. We inspire young people to lead the way in building a water-secure future, aligned with the call of **Laudato si'** to care for our common home as part of our moral responsibility. Please see below some programmatic support they can facilitate for schools

- STREAM Learning Hands-on Labs **NEW!**: These interactive lab experiences encourage students to take meaningful action in exploring water quality and caring for the environment. Students will reflect on how their actions align with their faith and the Church's mission to protect God's creation. Our lab facilitator will work alongside your classroom science teacher to guide this unique learning hands-on classroom experience for Grades 5 12.
- <u>BLUE CLUB</u> Service Events: BLUE staff will support your school in organizing an after-school club or service event, at your school or in the surrounding community. BLUE.Club participation offers students a tangible way to live out their faith through service, fostering a deeper sense of responsibility for the environment and the community. Limited BLUE.Club teacher sponsor stipends will be available in 2025-2026.
- Let's work together to live out the vision of Laudato si' and take meaningful steps toward safeguarding our planet.
- If you would like more information on any of these school opportunities, you can contact BLUE Missions staff or invite them to share information at your Local Council principals' meeting. Please reach out via email to marisol@bluemissions.org and/or mmoore@bluemissions.org.

CATAPULT LEARNING:

For schools that currently receive instructional or coaching services from Catapult (including PD Now), or would like to for next year, please see the **attached document** that contains important information regarding action items and deadlines for services.

District PD Day – March 21st: If you still need to request PD through Catapult, the **deadline is Friday, February 28th**. Please submit requests to Lori Felder: Lori.Felder@CatapultLearning.com

CERTIFICATION PLANS:

Any teacher without a Professional Certification should be on a certification plan. The template can be found in the e-library.

Test Prep Resources:

NEFEC Instructional Services General Knowledge Review: https://sites.google.com/nefec.org/nefecisp/general-knowledge-review
Pearson FTCE/FELE Resources: https://www.fl.nesinc.com/

Study.com FTCE General Knowledge & Subject Area Exams: https://study.com/academy/goal/professional-licensure/teacher-certification-

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240 Tutoring (discount price \$25/month): 240 Tutoring provides digital courses to prepare teachers for their certification exams. Every 240 course includes study tips, test taking strategies, a benchmark assessment, instructional content with embedded concept videos, flash cards, quizzes with immediate feedback, and a timed, full-length practice test. Every course also includes a money-back guarantee. FTCE: Spanish recently added! Use this discounted link: https://study.240tutoring.com/subscribe/ArchdioceseMiami

LEXIA SCIENCE OF READING WEEK: MARCH 3-6, 2025

Webinars hosted through edWeb are approved by FLDOE for certification renewal points. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information. You must be signed-up with edWeb (it's free) to receive a CE Certificate. To register for a Lexia Science of Reading webinar, go to: https://home.edweb.net/lexia_sor_2025/

NSU CLINICAL EDUCATION TRAINING 2025

Nova Southeastern University is offering a self-paced asynchronous online Clinical Educator course from March 10 – May 4, 2025. The cost is \$150 per person. See the attached flyer for more information and registration.



ONBOARDING REFRESHER- Wednesday February 12, 2025, recorded meeting.

Topic: How to Onboard a First Year Education Personnel

Video link: How to Onboard a First Year Education Personnel in Paylocity

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STEP UP: Community Relations link to recent presentation slides:

Presentation Slides - Important scholarship information including:

- Payment Schedule
- Using the Billing Report to find deposits
- Tuition and fees overpayment, enrollment process
- Account Receivable appeal process

AUP Guidance

Quick links:

- 2025-2026 Tuition & Fees and the Enrollment Process
- Navigating the Service Marketplace as a School Provider
- EMA Providers: Orders and Invoicing
- Next Steps
- Drexel

Quarterly Funds come to SUFS from DOE-April 1, 2025

RESOURCES FOR USING AI IN TEACHING MATHEMATICS:

https://www.nctm.org/standards-and-positions/Position-Statements/Artificial-Intelligence-and-Mathematics-Teaching/

TERRA NOVA SPR 2025 UPDATES AND REMINDERS

The Spring Terra Nova window is open now February 18 through March 7. The testing window includes live and make-up windows; make-ups should not be completed outside of the testing window.

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) wants everyone to know that the Research and Development teams have made the decision to **extend** the testing times for each **Reading subtest** of TerraNova NEXT for **10 minutes**. Click here to read more about this important announcement: <u>TerraNova NEXT Testing Times Announcement</u>

For ONLINE testing with Chromebooks, see the **email** from DRC **dated 02/13/24** regarding the **Chromebook Rendering Issues and Troubleshooting.**

Administration/Classroom Preparation:

- ✓ Cover or remove anchor charts in classrooms/testing areas
- ✓ Extra #2 pencils, scratch paper, erasers, etc.
- ✓ Manipulatives (punch-out rulers) Grades 3 & up
- ✓ Calculators Grades 3 & up (For Math Part 2 only)
- ✓ Stopwatch, clock with second hand, or timer
- ✓ Do Not Disturb Sign

Anyone administering the test should review the Test Directions Manual at least 2-3 days prior to the testing window and throughout testing administration and follow the printed instructions in the Directions Manual verbatim.

Test Security:

- ✓ Keep all assessment materials in a secure location before, during & after testing.
- \checkmark Collect ALL assessment materials immediately following testing each day.
- ✓ Account for each student's test booklet each day (paper-based).
- \checkmark Close monitoring of students during testing will prevent security breaches.
- \checkmark Do not permit students to explore the next section of the test after they have finished the current subtest.
- \checkmark Be careful of camera capabilities on cell phones.

See the other **important** reminders listed below:

- Ship paper testing materials as soon as testing is completed using the pre-paid shipping labels.
- Follow procedures to use **UPS** for the pre-paid shipping labels.
- Use **sturdy** boxes that are taped with shipping tape.
- Schools should not be paying for the return of materials. This is included in your per student price.

All training videos can be accessed in the DRC Portal. After logging in, select "My Applications" in the blue banner, select "General Information", select "Documents" tab and then "Show Documents", go to page 2 and look for "FCC: 2024-2025 Training Videos.

Please contact Christine Kirk with any questions at 904-864-0688 or DRC Technical Support at 866-282-2250.

