## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 9, 2023



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**



**November 12-14:** FCC Administrators Conference (Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach Hotel)

**November 28:** Giving Tuesday #GiveCatholic for #GivingTuesday2023!

**November 29:** Elementary Assistant Principals' Meeting (9:00-12:00)

Dec. 1: Early Dismissal (PD)

**Dec. 2:** High School Placement Test

**December 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; this is a Holy Day of Obligation. All schools should provide Mass for their students and teachers on this day.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear School Leaders,

Fall is in the air! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming FCC Administrator's Conference in Clearwater. It is my hope that this conference is an opportunity to form relationships and learn further about the vocation of Catholic school leadership. For those attending the conference, you should have received an invitation from Risse Brothers Uniforms for a Harbor Cruise on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 12. Know that this cruise is open to any participant in the conference (you and any other administrators from your school) regardless of whether you utilize Risse Brothers.

Most importantly, I hope the conference is an affirmation and celebration of your role as a Catholic school leader. Our schools depend upon the excellence of our principals. May God continue to bless you in this invaluable ministry!

Sincerely,

Jim Rigg, Ph.D.
Secretary of Education
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Miami
ADOM:: Education (miamiarch.org)

**AAA OFFER:** AAA is making a free offer to **ADOM employees** who are NOT currently subscribed to AAA or have not been subscribed within the last year (365 days). The free offer will provide AAA membership to the employee for one year, or to family members of the employee at a discount. The DEADLINE is **November 15, 2023 at 6pm**.

Please respond to AAA's free offer by clicking below on the highlighted link. AAAonUS-ADOM

**CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE RENEWAL CREDIT:** Thank you for having participated in the catechetical conference. For those who have not completed the form, this is the link to receive renewal credit:

https://forms.office.com/r/TnXWpkb7v6

**CERTIFICATION COORDINATORS:** It is **imperative** that your certification coordinator close classes at your school site in RML. We are in the process of verifying in-service points for renewal and we have come across classes that have not been closed since 2019. This means that the teachers are **not** receiving the appropriate number of in-service points. Please close these classes ASAP!

**RML MEETING: SAVE THE DATE!** There will be a virtual RML training on Friday, December 1 from 1:00pm-2:30pm. It is imperative that each school have one representative attend this meeting. We will be reviewing the following topics: entering classes, closing classes, awarding points, out-of-district points, etc. The class will be posted in RML next week with the meeting link. Be sure to register.

**STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP:** Q2 funds were sent to SUFS. Please make sure that your schools complete the invoicing in EMA to receive the funds in a timely manner. This distribution includes records that SUFS sent to FLDOE late in Q1.

Please check with your school on November 15 to ensure that all students have been awarded, enrolled, and invoiced and that the school has received payment and remittance information. If there are still schools with issues on that date, please email Beatriz Ramirez at <a href="mailto:bramirez@theadom.org">bramirez@theadom.org</a>.

Open House webinars scheduled for November. Please click the link to register and hear important information for families.

November 9th: 9 AM, 10 AM & 6 PM

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship/Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN gEd xUDGQDmnFNwHrDffLA

November 16th: 9 AM, 10 AM & 6 PM

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN aUWMB8aAR7uDlpwOMb-rhg

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Please see attachments.

**TERRANOVA NEXT ONLINE TESTING MEETING:** A meeting has been scheduled with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to discuss in more detail the preparations needed to implement online TerraNova Next testing this upcoming spring. It will be a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 2:30pm EST.** The presenter will be Faith Borst, manager of the DRC technical support team. Please see the link and meeting details below.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 284 458 654 479

Passcode: 8rqT3m

All schools implementing online testing must have a representative present at this meeting. Schools implementing paper/pencil testing are invited to learn more but their attendance is optional.