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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20- March 8: TerraNova testing

March 1: Early Dismissal

March 15: End of 3rd Quarter

March 19: New Principal Meeting

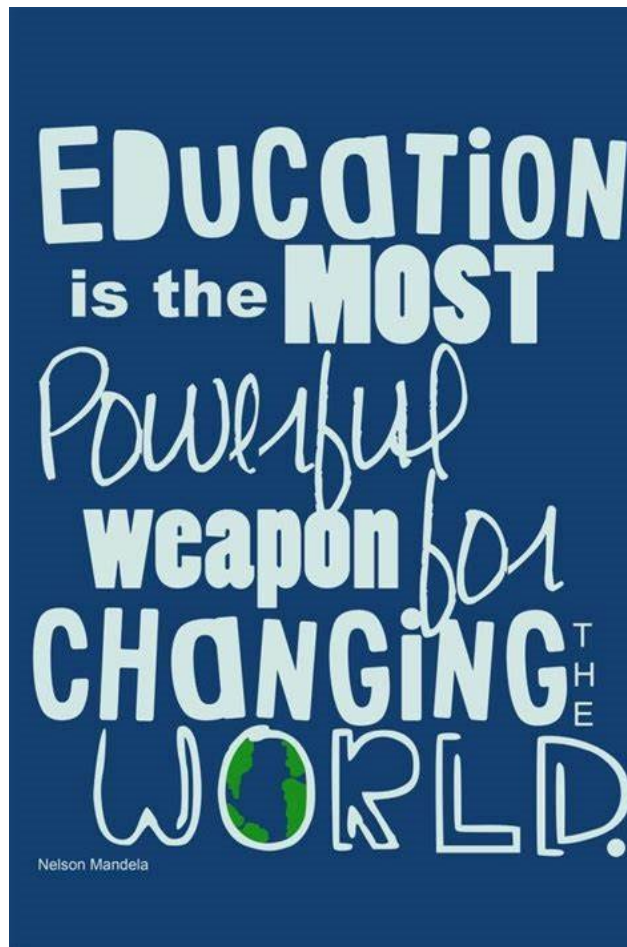
March 24: Palm Sunday

March 26: Chrism Mass

March 28: Holy Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 28-April 7: Easter Break



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

Terra Nova testing began this week in our Catholic elementary schools. I know that you and your teachers have carefully reviewed testing procedures, and are adapting to the new Terra Nova NEXT. As testing gets underway, remember to follow these procedures very carefully. It is important that we provide a productive testing environment for our students, and protect the integrity of the assessment. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you encounter difficulties during the testing window.

I know that all principals are thinking deeply about staffing for next year. Hopefully the Intent to Return Process for teachers has helped to illuminate what positions may be open for 2024/25. As you anticipate any open positions (either on your faculty or broader support staff), remember that it is important to follow our HR policies for hiring. This requires that you post any open positions on the Archdiocesan website. Again, please reach out if you have any questions or need any help.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Sincerely,

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

CALENDAR UPDATE: Several principals have inquired about the early release day indicated on Oct. 18, 2024 in the recently-released DRAFT Master Calendar. Please be aware that this is an early release day (one calendar version incorrectly indicated “no students” on this day). Students should attend for the half-day. Contact Dr. Rigg with any questions.

CLINICAL EDUCATOR TRAINING: Please see below the information about the next Clinical Educator Training course being offered by Nova Southeastern University. It starts on March 3rd and registration is now open.

Due to several reasons, Nova is unsure when they will offer the Clin Ed course again. It might not be until Spring 2025 or even Summer 2025, so this is a last chance opportunity for any of your teachers requiring or wanting this professional learning opportunity.



The flyer is for NSU's Clinical Education Training. It features a header with the NSU logo and the text 'Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice | NSU Florida'. The main title is 'CLINICAL EDUCATION TRAINING' in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says 'For supervising teacher candidates and hosting interns'. There is a photograph of three people in a meeting. The flyer is divided into sections: 'ABOUT THE PROGRAM' which describes a self-paced 8-week course for \$150, and 'CONTACT INFORMATION' which lists Lillian Greico for general questions and Zaria Montanez for registration. A 'REGISTER NOW FOR MARCH 3 - APRIL 26 SESSION*' button is present, along with a QR code and a 'SCAN OR CLICK TO REGISTER' prompt.

*Students are recommended to register with personal email since school firewall may block incoming emails

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTIVITIES:

SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- [BLUE Missions](#), a Miami-based 501c3, is committed to *advocating for a world where there is water for all, forever and inspiring young people to lead the way to a water-secure future.*
- BLUE Missions is offering a CauseCamps fee-based program for middle school students at St. Brendan Catholic High School this spring, April 1st -5th and will offer a FREE scholarship week of summer camp to participating students. CauseCamps is **open to middle school students**, see detailed information and scholarship opportunity as follows: [CAUSE CAMPS SPRING BREAK](#)
- In an effort to expand service opportunities and support Archdiocese families with summer camp funding, BLUE Missions is also offering **300 summer camp FREE scholarships** to students across **all Archdiocese schools** serving **rising 6th through 9th grade students**. Each full scholarship offers each student a full week of summer camp with transportation, meals and eco-action adventures that will align to reflection, purpose and service rooted in community action at Somerset Bay Kendall Campus 9500 SW 97th Avenue Miami, FL.33176.
- If you feel this scholarship opportunity will benefit your school families, I encourage you to take the time to contact BLUE Missions staff or invite them to share information at your Local Council principals' meeting. You can learn more about CauseCamps scholarship opportunities with Marisol Diaz or Nicky Moore and reach out via email to marisol@bluemissions.org and nmoore@bluemissions.org.

FCC ACCREDITATION: This year we have hired Elizabeth Snow, a retired principal from the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee and current FACTS leadership coach, to serve as a team member in the ARCA reviews for schools in years 1, 2, 4, or 5 of their accreditation cycle. Elizabeth will work under the direction of Gabriel Cambert as they review your ARCA submission, confirm your documentation, and offer ways to enhance your evidence/ratings. Once your school's review is complete, you will receive a report with the team's feedback. If you have any questions or concerns about the report, the team will be available to discuss with you and your steering committee. Please be on the lookout for an introductory email from Elizabeth.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

BROWARD: Title IIA: Title IIA in Broward is holding their initial consultation and information session on **April 1, 2024**. This event occurs over Easter Break. I will be attending the information session and report back in an upcoming principal newsletter.

MIAMI-DADE: Thank you for attending the Meaningful Consultation meeting yesterday. Please begin filling out all the paperwork as soon as you receive it. Once it is completed, please send to bcummings@theadom.org. I will collate all the information and submit to the county. **All forms are due to me by Wednesday, February 28.**

FREE INTENSIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS ONLINE COURSE: Are you looking for free professional development to enhance your knowledge of how to provide behavioral supports to your students? Would you like to gain skills and knowledge to assist all students, including those with disabilities, in your classroom? If you answered yes to these questions, then we invite you to join the [PROGRESS Center](#) for an upcoming 4-week free and interactive virtual learning opportunity for private school practitioners on behavioral supports. See the details below.

- Audience: Private school educators, school leaders, and other stakeholders

- Dates: Every Tuesday beginning on March 5, 2023 thru March 26, 2023
- Time: Each class runs from 5 p.m. (ET) to 6:30 p.m. (ET)
- Platform: Zoom (link provided after registration is confirmed)
- Certificate: A certificate of attendance will be available for those who attend all four sessions.
- Course Breakdown:
 - Week 1: Behavior Theory
 - Week 2: Antecedent and Instructional Strategies
 - Week 3: Consequence Strategies for Increasing and Decreasing Behavior
 - Week 4: Using Data to Measure, Monitor, and Inform Decisions
- Registration: Please be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure your space is reserved to attend this helpful and informative class!

HUMAN RESOURCES: *The Harvard Business Review Special Issue Spring 2024: How to Lead When Everyone's Exhausted.*

The compilation of 27 articles with titles such as “Help Your Overwhelmed, Stressed-Out Team”, “When Your Employee Tells You They're Burned Out”, “Managers, What are You Doing About Change Exhaustion?”, is worth the purchase. From research that confirms that the craziness is not something you're imagining (over 50,000,000 Americans changed jobs in 2022) to simple, practical tips (“Start meetings with a Check-In”) as well as out-of-the-box ideas, we're confident that you'll find something in it to help you get through the more-intense-than-usual second-semester crunch!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS: Please submit all PD requests for April 26 as soon as possible. Catapult and FACTS would like to plan and assign presenters.

REGISTER ME LIVE: Principals' Meeting's Evaluations - Deadline is February 29th The evaluations for the Principals' Meeting held on January 18th will be closing on February 29th. Please ensure your evaluations are completed and submitted by then to receive in-service points.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS:

- Marketing with Step Up for Students links:
 - [Social Media Blitz Private Schools January 2024-1.pdf \(stepupforstudents.org\)](#)
 - [Schools And Providers - Step Up For Students](#)
- Check your prorated award amounts and communicate outstanding balances to families prior to the end of the school year.

STEP UP: This is a reminder that communication to families who will be receiving Step Up for Students Pro Rated Funding and not receiving 100% of Step-Up awards may be necessary. As per page 7 of the 2023-24 FES-EO and FTC Parent/Guardian Handbook, Prorated awards after the August 1, Deadline are at 75% or less. The additional tuition owed is to be paid by the family (child). For schools that have not made them aware of the obligation and not updated the FACTS billing, it is advised that you do so prior to the end of the school year. This will allow them time to make up the difference. ***Please note that if schools think they are owed more, they can add them to the form that should come to schools in a couple of weeks (as per Lauren May).***



Florida Panthers Spring Teacher Appreciation Night!

The Florida Panthers are excited to host Teacher Appreciation Night on March 21st as we take on the Nashville Predators at 7:00pm!

Each ticket purchased will include the following:

- Drink discounts and specials available in the Coors Light Cold Zone
- \$15 food and beverage credit included in each seat
- VIP Fan Experience Raffle

Thank you for all you do in our community!

Please click [HERE](#) for your offer.

GO CATS!