

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER JUNE 12, 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

Summer is a busy time in our Catholic schools! Throughout the summer, many schools are still hiring employees, enrolling students, purchasing materials, and completing facilities projects. A number of our schools also have formal summer programming. Remember that school offices should be regularly open throughout the summer, and these hours should be communicated to stakeholders. There is much to do as we prepare for the coming school year!

We continue to follow efforts at the federal level to establish a federal tax credit. As discussed at our last Principals' Meeting, this tax credit (ECCA) is embedded in the budget reconciliation bill working its way through Congress. If passed, this could unlock additional funding for our families. We are also following other changes at the federal level, including possible alterations to Titles II-IV. More information will be communicated as changes are finalized at the national level.

In the meantime, we still do not have a state budget passed for the coming year. Unfortunately, this means that we do not yet know scholarship allocations, which I know is a major input into your school budget. I am hopeful that the state budget will be resolved soon.

Enjoy the start to your summer!

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 13:** Data/Assessment Plan & PD Plan due on ADOM Dashboard
- June 23:** Deadline to submit signed agreements/letters to OCS (returning staff) and 25/26 Calendars
- July 2:** New Principals' Meeting
- July 4:** Independence Day (OCS Closed)

FURNITURE NEEDED:

If any school has gently-used student desks, chairs, cabinets, or other furniture, please contact Zoraida Perez at St. Malachy: zperez@stmalachschool.com.

I-READY FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Elementary):

Please use the links below if you have not signed up to attend one of the virtual Rooted and Ready Leadership sessions on August 6 @ 10am or August 7 @ 1pm. These sessions are designed for principals and leadership teams only. You should have received a calendar invite from Coral Martincavage to accept the preferred date/time. To ensure equitable service and support to all iReady schools, in-person training is not offered at this time.

See the graphic below with other virtual teacher training sessions by our Dedicated Learning Specialist, Daniella Martinez.

- Office hours (August 18-21) link: <https://calendly.com/dmartinez-cainc/adom-bts-office-hours>
- i-Ready 101 (August 5, 8, and 11) link: <https://calendly.com/dmartinez-cainc/adom-i-ready-101>

BACK TO SCHOOL



i-Ready 101

These Zoom sessions are designed for schools that are new to i-Ready. Spots are limited—only three schools per session—so sign up early to secure your preferred time slot. Zoom links will be shared once your registration is confirmed.

AUGUST 5	AUGUST 8	AUGUST 11
9:00-10:30 AM	9:00-10:30 AM	9:00-10:30 AM
11:00-12:30 PM	11:00-12:30 PM	11:00-12:30 PM
2:00-3:30 PM	2:00-3:30 PM	2:00-3:30 PM



OFFICE HOURS

For schools returning to i-Ready, office hours will be held via Zoom on Monday, August 18 through Thursday, August 21, from 3:15 to 3:45 PM each day.

Questions?
Contact Daniella Martinez at dmartinez@cainc.com



MATH STANDARDS TRANSITION (Elementary):

The implementation training for transitioning to the Florida B.E.S.T. Math Standards was well attended. We appreciate your support and embracing this important initiative. Thank you to Principal Rivera, Principal Whiting and their teams for providing excellent hospitality and accommodations. The attached math curriculum map for kindergarten – 8th grade has been uniquely edited by the Math Standards Committee and is aligned with the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics. Additional deliverables, such as the Catholic Integration Crosswalk and curriculum map for advanced middle school math will be completed this summer. All resources will be available in e-Library.

MUSIC FESTIVAL – PUERI CANTORES:

The Pueri Cantores Vocal Music Festival will be returning to Miami in the coming school year! Schools are encouraged to send groups of students to this celebration of Catholic liturgical music. The festival will take place on March 7 at St. Mary Cathedral. See the attached flyer for more information.

PRINCIPALS’ MEETING – AUGUST 1:

All principals should have received a recent email about the Aug. 1 Principals’ Meeting. This announcement included more details about the location, times, and content of this event. Elementary principals should encourage their pastors to attend the afternoon portion, and ask them to RSVP (via the link in the email) by July 7.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

The Catapult and FACTS 2024/25 Professional Development Request Forms are closed for this academic year. The link to request professional development for the 2025/26 school year will be available soon. Stay tuned.