

# ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER



### Note from Sr. Carmen Fernandez, IHM; Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy

Dear Principals,  
The Sisters, faculty, staff, and student body of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy have been sustained and comforted by your messages, flowers, plants, and most importantly, your prayers upon the sudden death of our senior, Lucy Fernandez. The depth of our gratitude is beyond words.  
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**Congratulations on becoming a Blue Ribbon recipient for the third time: 1984, 1996, and 2022!**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

I am certain you join me in praying for those impacted by Hurricane Ian. I have been heartened to see so many of our schools put together various efforts to support those affected by the storm. Many principals have asked how they can directly help. I am in contact with the Diocese of Venice and will let you know if/when I learn anything. I know that Catholic Charities of Miami is also collecting funds via their website ([Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. \(ccadm.org\)](http://CatholicCharitiesoftheArchdioceseofMiami.Inc.ccadm.org)). Let us continue to keep our state in prayer.

I am looking forward to seeing you next week for the Bridging the Gap gathering on Oct. 11. Please see my previous email (sent on Tuesday, Oct. 4) regarding details about this event. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. It will be wonderful to bring our community of school leaders together again!

Yours in Christ

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

**Certification Spreadsheet:** The certification spreadsheet that lists all your school's teachers and mid-level staff will be sent in November. If you have any questions when you receive it, do not hesitate to contact Zoe Doble at [zdoble@theadom.org](mailto:zdoble@theadom.org).

**Clinical Education Training:** The Clinical Education training will no longer be offered through the ADOM Virtual school. The course will be offered through Nova Southeastern University. Please see the flyer for more information. If you have any questions, contact Lillian Ibanez Greico at [greice@nova.edu](mailto:greice@nova.edu).

**Cognia Impact Conference:** Location: The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North | 2974 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746 on December 05, 2022 - December 07, 2022. Register here: [Events - Cognia](#)

**Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) Testing:** Order forms should have been submitted via email attachment to Joseph Walker ([contractshelf@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:contractshelf@datarecognitioncorp.com)) and Gabriel Cambert ([gcambert@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert@theadom.org)) by September 30, 2022.

An email will be sent out soon to the school-site testing coordinators and principals with information on how to prepare the PreCode Files for the spring 2023 administration of the TerraNova3. Please note that the completed CSV file must be submitted by November 1st, 2022 to DRC.

If you are interested in piloting DRC's Beacon (for interim/progress monitoring) or the TerraNova NEXT (an online test for students in grades K–8 who did not take the TerraNova3 in the spring of 2022), please email Christine Kirk at [ckirk@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:ckirk@datarecognitioncorp.com) and copy Gabriel Cambert at [gcambert@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert@theadom.org). Both assessments are being offered for free this school year. The TerraNova NEXT must be administered by November 1st, 2022 to ensure the validity of the next spring administration of the TerraNova3. You can begin implementation of the Beacon assessment at any point throughout the school year.

**Elementary AP Meeting:** As previously announced, the elementary Assistant Principals will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Specific times and location will be released closer to the date. Please let your AP know about this meeting so that he/she can mark it on their calendar.

**E-Library Login Information:** We were recently informed that every school has two unique logins for the E-Library, a general login and an administrative login. The administrative login uses the principal's email address as the username (i.e. [gcambert@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert@theadom.org)). The general login is the same except with the digit "1" inserted before the @ symbol (i.e. [gcambert1@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert1@theadom.org)).

Using your school's unique credentials should help minimize the login lockouts we have experience due to the excessive failed attempts.

If you do not know the unique login credentials for your school, please email Abel Barrera, the ADOM IT Director, at [abarrera@theadom.org](mailto:abarrera@theadom.org) and copy Gabriel Cambert, [gcambert@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert@theadom.org). They will reset the passwords on the accounts and forward you the new credentials.

**FCC Accreditation Support:** Our Director of Continuous Improvement, Gabriel Cambert, is available and eager to support you with all your FCC accreditation needs. If you have any issues, questions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to him via email at [gcambert@theadom.org](mailto:gcambert@theadom.org) or at the office 305-762-1019.

If you reach out to Mary Camp, FCC's Associate Director for Accreditation, or Allison Clow, FCC's Accreditation and Education Specialist, please copy him on those emails so that he is informed and can help address your needs. Please also share this information with your steering committee chairs.

**IDEA Mandatory Meeting:** The Archdiocese is partnering with the six other dioceses in Florida and two large Jewish school consortiums to perform a study of the implementation of IDEA services in our state. **We are asking each school to send two designated educators to a training.** They need only attend one training (you can select the date/location that works best for you). Please see the attached flyer for more information. Specifically, **each school should send their ESE Director/Coordinator (or equivalent) as well as a second member of the administration (e.g. principal, assistant principal, counseling director, etc.).**

**Please register for a training by Wednesday, October 12.** Registration information can be found in the attached flyer, or you can register via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/222554814977063>.

**Professional Development/Workshops:** The following opportunities are available to schools on **Tuesday, October 11:**

- **K-5th grade teachers** can register for a workshop through the Sophia Institute at Nativity Catholic School in Hollywood. We encourage you to send your religion teachers: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/workshops/details/encountering-the-person-of-jesus-archdiocese-of-miami>
- **6th-12th grade teachers** can register for a workshop through the Sophia Institute at Little Flower Catholic School in Hollywood. We encourage you to send your religion teachers: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/workshops/details/created-in-his-image-exploring-the-theology-of-the-body>
- All **counselors** will attend a full-day training. Register in RML.
- The Archdiocese is hosting "Bridging the Gap" on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Monsignor Pace High School. Attendance at this meeting is required of all **principals** (as our next Principals' Meeting will take place during this gathering). Other school and parish administrators are encouraged to also attend, particularly **Assistant Principals, Bookkeepers/Business Managers, and Advancement/Development Directors**. Bridging the Gap takes place during a scheduled Archdiocesan Professional Development Day. **REGISTER NOW at BTG – ADOM ([adomdevelopment.org](http://adomdevelopment.org)).**

It is assumed that teachers and other staff not attending Bridging the Gap will attend other professional development opportunities (be they organized by the local school or the OCS).

**Additional PD Offerings for October 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Apple Teacher Professional Development
  - <https://education.apple.com/#/home/rp/T006360A>
- BEESS Portal to Professional Development Alternatives





- <https://fl-pda.org/#/home>
- Below are links to the **ESE workshops** given on August 2, 2022. This is another great professional development for your teachers:
  - We have ESE webinars that schools can still access if they are needing PD.
  - Here is the link to the Virtual Symposium:  
<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/3866538/89A0AB9547D1D0EE602E21B134DF1FBD/3959069>
  - After registering and watching the webinar, teachers can complete the evaluation and receive a certificate of completion. They can upload the certificate to RML to receive ESE in-service points.

**PSAT:** The PSAT will be administered at the high schools on October 12 or 25.

**Safety Plans:** Safety plans are due by October 28, 2022. Do NOT mail your safety plan. Please email to Dr. Edwards at [dedwards@theadom.org](mailto:dedwards@theadom.org).



Thank you for all the schools supporting the victims of Hurricane Ian. Above are the donations collected by Saint Bonaventure Catholic School.