

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 21, 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

We are now very close to Thanksgiving and will begin the season of Advent on December 1. Most of the first semester is now behind us. As we enter this season of joy and thanksgiving, be assured of my sincerest thanks for your leadership in Catholic education. I continue to be impressed by the dedication, passion, and intelligence of our Catholic school leaders. Your students and school community benefit every day from your diligent care. I will say a special Prayer of Gratitude this Thanksgiving for your presence in the Archdiocese. May God continue to bless you during this joy-filled time!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 25-29:** Thanksgiving Week (no school)
- Dec. 1:** First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 5:** Principals' Christmas Luncheon (12:00 PM)
- Dec. 6:** Early Dismissal (PD)
- Dec. 9:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Observed)
- Dec. 10.** BCPS IDEA PD: Communication Strategies for Home
- Dec. 11.** MDCPS IDEA PD/Conference
- Dec. 20:** Last day of classes, end of the quarter/semester; Early Dismissal
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3:** Christmas Break

ACADEMIC DECATHALON OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 6

Calling all Math Scholars! Schools interested in participating in the National Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon (AJHD) should register your team(s) consisting of 10 students in grades 6-7-8 **by December 6**. This is a great opportunity to earn national student recognition for high academic performance. The in-person regional event will be hosted by the Diocese of Orlando on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. Online registration and information can be found [HERE](#).

ADMISSIONS PACKET – HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY (please pass this along to your admissions coordinator/registrar):

Please be sure to include the Home Language Survey as part of your admissions packet. This is vital in identifying students who need additional support, and it is also a requirement for our students to be eligible to participate in Title III services. The form can be found on the E-Library and the questions on the form can be incorporated into your online registration form, as long as there is a written/printed record in the student's permanent file of the parent's responses to these questions. If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Cambert (gcambert@theadom.org).

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR REMINDERS

- ★ **I-Ready Winter Diagnostic Window:** December 2, 2024 – January 10, 2025
- ★ **Catholic High School Placement Exam:** December 7, 2024
- ★ **Middle School Dual Enrollment Midterms:** December 9 – 19, 2024
- ★ **Terra Nova Next:** February 18 – March 7, 2025
- ★ **ARK Assessment:** March 31 – April 11, 2025

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS:

There are two early Dismissal Days scheduled for the month of December. The afternoon of Dec. 6 should be used for local Professional Development. The afternoon of Dec. 20 can be used at the discretion of the principal. As this is the last day of the semester, it may be ideal for something like a staff Christmas luncheon or other event. Dec. 20 need not be used for Professional Development.

FAITH FORWARD INNOVATION CONFERENCE:

All Catholic elementary schools are invited to join the Faith Forward Conference on March 21, 2025 at Belen Jesuit Prep. This day will provide sessions on how Catholic educators can better evangelize and form the faiths of their students. The Conference will include renowned speaker and author Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ as keynote speaker. The conference is accepting session proposals as well. For more information, see this link: [2024 Faith Forward Save the Date Flyer.png - Google Drive](#).

FCC TECH SUPPORT 866-282-2250, OPTION 1 (TERRANOVA) or TerraNovaHelpDesk@DataRecognitionCorp.com

Participants will receive credit for renewal for catechetical certification.

FCC 2024-2025 Milestone Calendar:

| Task | Start | Due Date |
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| Order forms to schools | 9/20/24 | 10/18/24 |
| Pre-Code files due to DRC | 11/11/24 | 12/13/24 |
| Test Materials Arrive | | 1/06/25 |
| Test Coordinator’s Kits Arrive | | 1/21/25 |
| Last Day-Short/Addds | | 1/24/25 |
| Testing Window | 2/18/25 | 3/07/25 |
| Deadline for Receipt of Test Materials at DRC | ASAP | 3/14/25 |
| Data Validation Window | 3/28/25 | 4/1/25 |
| Electronic Reports Available | | 4/14/25 |

MTSS & AI Conference:

Join AIM FOR IMPACT on February 6, 2025, a Panorama summit for school leaders who want to harness the power of artificial intelligence (AI) and build future-ready schools to prepare students for tomorrow. This summit will help you navigate and lead your district through the AI transformation. Together, we’ll cut through the noise and examine real, on-the-ground examples of AI in action—from enhancing student support systems to improving operational efficiencies. Packed with crucial tips and strategies on the latest in AI, this summit is essential for your role as an education leader. [Home | AIM FOR IMPACT](#)

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| 11:00am 8:00am | ET PT | Welcome to Panorama's AIM for IMPACT Summit Takeru "TK" Nagayoshi |  |
| 11:10am 8:10am | ET PT | OPENING KEYNOTE: Ethan Mollick From Disruption to Opportunity: Embracing the AI Revolution in Education | |
| 12:10pm 9:10am | ET PT | Fireside Chat: Future-Ready Schools and Students in the Age of AI Angelica Infante-Green, Kirsten Baesler, Julia Rafal-Baer, and Aaron Feuer |  |
| 12:50pm 9:50am | ET PT | BRAIN BREAK | |
| 1:00pm 10:00am | ET PT | AI in Action: Empowering Teachers With Time-Saving Solutions Mike Daugherty and Molly Klodor |  |
| | | From Classroom to Career: Developing Tomorrow's Workforce Today Shelly Viramontez, Dr. Bryan Johnson, and Takeru "TK" Nagayoshi | |
| 2:00pm 11:00am | ET PT | Panorama Next: Unlocking the Future of Education with AI Danny Johnson |  |
| 3:00pm 12:00pm | ET PT | Lighten the Load: AI for MTSS, Attendance, and School Success Michael Keller, Ed.D. and Christina Gillen | |
| 4:00pm 1:00pm | ET PT | CLOSING KEYNOTE: George Couros Timeless Principles for Learning, AI, and Emerging Technologies in Education Leadership |  |

NOVA EXHIBITION (HIGH SCHOOLS):

High Schools are invited to visit the Nova Exhibition, a special exhibition illustrating the tragic attack on the Nova Music Festival in Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. Students will have a chance to learn more about this event in an age-appropriate way and how all people can strive to bring an end to terror and hatred. For more information visit [Nova Exhibition](#) or see the **attached flyer**.

NCEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NCEA Webinars are now available to NCEA members. The Principal PD Series is also accessible On Demand via YouTube. Please consider taking advantage of the high-quality professional development opportunities. [CLICK HERE](#)

OBSERVATION DOCUMENTATION LOG:

We are in the second observation window to conduct formal instructional observations. Remember to document observations using the ADOM Observation Document Log, which can be accessed [HERE](#) and e-Library – Schools – Education – Teacher Observations/Evaluations.

Please email your Observation Documentation Log to Dr. LaTonya White (lwhite@theadom.org) **by December 6.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

We have budgeted (from our Title funding) for every school to have access to Catapult Learning’s PD Now system. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to personalize professional learning for your teacher and help them achieve the goals on their Individualized Professional Development Plan.

PDNow is Catapult's online platform which allows you and your teachers access to some of their most popular PD workshops, bringing you anywhere, anytime, professional development. PDNow allows a school administrator (or a Catapult coach) to assign specific online PDs to different grade bands or teachers can choose for themselves. Each PD within PDNow is broken down into small modules that add up to one 2-hour long PD. Certificates of completion are awarded so teachers can upload them for Out of District credit on RML. If you have not yet signed up or have any questions, contact Lori Felder (lori.felder@catapultlearning.com).

BCPS IDEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (please pass this along to your ESE Coordinator and other relevant staff):

Broward County Public Schools ESE/IDEA office will be offering another in-person PD session on December 10th from 8:30am to 12:00pm, titled “Communication Strategies for Home,” at their Arthur Ashe Campus. Please see the flyer below with more information for this and other PD opportunities. The registration link is [Pre-Registration Form](#). If you have any questions, contact esepss@browardschools.com.

Broward County Public School
ESE Department
Presents
PARENTALLY PLACED PRIVATE SCHOOL SERVICES
TRAINING SESSIONS

Events for This Year
2024-2025

The purpose of these sessions is to provide helpful information about systems and processes important to your child's education.

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| 9-13-2024 1:00PM-3:00PM | Ripple Effects Bouncy for Early Learners presented by Destination Knowledge |
| 10-1-2024 8:30AM-3:30PM | Math and Reading Curriculum presented by Destination Knowledge |
| 10-8-2024 8:30AM-12:00PM | Child Find/Private School Services 101 |
| 11-12-2024 8:30AM-12:00PM | Reading Strategies for Home and Making Math Fun for Home |
| 12-10-2024 8:30AM-12:00PM | Communication Strategies for Home |
| 1-14-2025 8:30AM-3:00PM | Adapting ELA Resources for SWD |
| 2-12-2025 8:30AM-12:00PM | Accommodations/Modifications and Progress Monitoring/Data Collection |
| 3-12-2025 8:30AM-12:00PM | Positive Behavior Interventions and Behavior Plans |

TRAINING LOCATION Arthur Ashe 1701 NW 23rd Ave
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Scan QR code for Preregistration

For more information
✉ esepss@browardschools.com
☎ 754-321-3426

MDCPS IDEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (please pass this along to your ESE Coordinator and other relevant staff):

Miami-Dade County Public Schools IDEA office will be offering their first in-person PD of the year. Please see the flyer below with the Save the Date and information for this PD opportunity on December 11th. The registration link is forthcoming. If you have any questions, contact Jorge Mendez (jmendez15@dadeschools.net).



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MIAMI IDEA CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE | DECEMBER 11TH, 2024 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

Whole-Group Workshop Speaker: **Dr. Raul Escarpio**



Engaging workshop and breakout sessions tailored to K-12 educators and leaders of ESE students

Conference Topics

- **Effective Instruction for Students with Intellectual Disabilities-** Whole Group Workshop
- **Assistive Technology for Learning Needs-** Breakout Session
- **Behavioral Intervention Strategies in the Inclusive Classroom-** Breakout Session
- **Accommodations vs. Modifications-** Breakout Session

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School
10200 SW 167th Ave. Miami, FL 3196



Registration Information Coming Soon!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Step Up Quarter 2 Payments – Reminder that student payments to the school are dependent on when the parent/guardian approves their student's invoice. See Summary below:

Step Up Payments,

- Step 1, student account funded (within 2 weeks from FLDOE receiving funds)
- Step 2, School submits student invoice in the EMA account
- Step 3, Parents/guardians approve student's invoice
- Step 4, Payment will be made to the school within 5-7 business days

Please monitor your EMA account daily and approve invoices as they populate

SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM:

The Florida Department of Education is accepting applications for the 2024/25 School Assessment Program. Law Enforcement Agencies can apply for this program, which was passed in the last legislative session, to perform such tasks as conducting school safety site assessments, developing emergency protocols/procedures, and consulting with schools in implementing threat management systems. If you are interested in benefiting from this program, please encourage your local Law Enforcement Agency to apply. For more information, see: <https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FDLE-Grants/Open-Funding-Opportunities/Funding-Opportunities/SSA/FY24-25-SSA>

SPRING 2025 TERRA NOVA PRECODE LABELS

Spring 2025 PreCode Upload window is now open. **All uploads must be completed by December 13.** Below is the recap that was emailed after the training session on the TerraNova Next Multiple Student Upload process. **This process is for both paper testers and online testers.** For paper testers, this file will be used to generate your student precode labels (these are used to attach to the student testing documents in lieu of hand bubbling). For online testers, this file adds your students to the portal to prepare for testing.

The recording: FCC_ TerraNova PreCode Student Labels_ process and procedures-20241107_130500-Meeting Recording: [Click Here](#)

IMPORTANT:

Outstanding question: When is the last day to manually enter students after the upload is completed? This is if you have students that enroll after you have uploaded your file. For paper testers, the last day to manually add students after your upload is **12/13/24**. For Online testers, the last day to manually add students after your upload is **2/17/25**. Do not upload a second file.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM PREP

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. **240 Tutoring** is extending a 50% discount (\$50 value) at \$25 per month to ADOM teachers. Create your account [HERE](#) and get started! Read customer satisfaction reviews [HERE](#).

TOUCH MATH PD (please pass this along to your ESE Coordinator and other relevant staff):

Join Dr. Sandra Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, and Vanessa Perez, Territory Account Manager, for an informative session on how TouchMath's research-backed, multisensory approach can support students who struggle with math. We'll cover topics such as Dyscalculia, the research behind TouchMath, effective classroom strategies, and how it can serve as an intervention tool—see the attached flyer for more details!



TOUCHMATH®

Join Us Virtually!

Dec 3 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. *or*

Dec 4 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Students Thrive with Explicit, Systematic, Multisensory Math

Join Dr. Sandra Elliott, Chief Academic Officer and Vanessa Perez, Territory Account Manager of TouchMath to dive into the research, methodology, and teaching and learning strategies that are proven to help students who struggle with math.

In this session, we'll cover:

- The Research Behind TouchMath
- Getting Started in the Classroom
- TouchMath as an Intervention
- Additional Resources

Questions? Contact your Territory Account Manager, Vanessa Perez at vanessa.perez@touchmath.net or 786.351.8381

