
ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 7, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20- March 8: TerraNova testing

March 15: End of 3rd Quarter

March 19: New Principals' Meeting

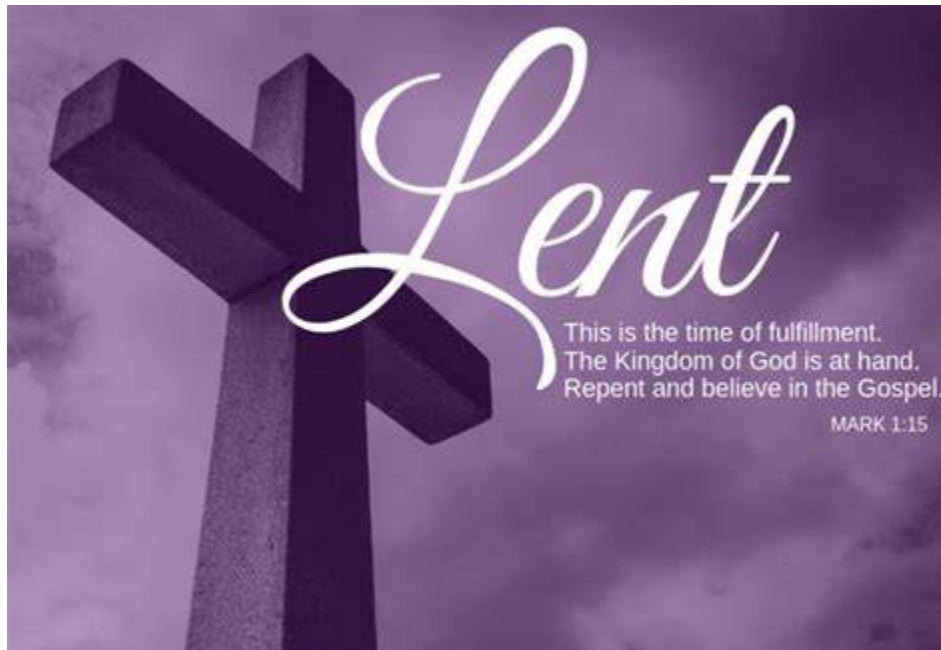
March 24: Palm Sunday

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,

Although we are still completing the third quarter, we are already making plans for the 2024/25 school year. You should have seen my recent email about next year's Theme ("Angels Among Us"). I know that all schools are also in the midst of enrollment, setting budgets, and making other plans for the coming year. In the OCS, we are in discussion about our potential priorities for 2024/25. A tentative list of these priorities will be discussed with you at our next Principals' Meeting on May 2.

One of our priorities this school year has been to revise the bylaws of the elementary School Advisory Councils (also known as "School Boards"). The bylaws/guidelines were revised before Christmas. However, we have held off distributing this document due to a series of governance trainings for our pastors. We do not want to overload the pastors, given these trainings and the busy Lenten Season. Our intention is to release the SAC documents closer to the end of the school year, likely after the May 2 Principals' Meeting. Stay tuned for more information!

Sincerely,

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

ADOM TEACHER OBSERVATION LOGS: ALL teacher observations logs for the second round of observations must be sent to bcummings@theadom.org. Every school should be working on their third round of classroom observations. Since extra time has been given for all observations, the third round of observations should be completed by the end of March. The summative observations should be completed in April.

CATECHIST COURSES: Catechist courses are coded as 10 hours. Starting in Spring II, participants will ONLY receive 10 in-service points per class.

CATECHIST INFORMATION:

- **Renewal Opportunity:** Thy Kingdom Come: A Bible Study on the Our Father
April 4, 2024 – May 2, 2024 from 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Please click on this link to register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thy-kingdom-come-bible-study-on-the-our-father-tickets-853945904187?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
Renewal Hours: 10
Available via Zoom and in person.
- **Updated Transcripts**
Updated transcripts to include the Spring I ADOM Virtual Courses will be distributed the week of April 1, 2024.
- **Retreat Approvals for Renewal Certification**
Please remember to submit the proper documentation for retreat approvals two weeks prior to the retreat.

CERTIFICATION - RENEWALS AND REQUEST LINKS: Please remember to submit renewal requests for teachers with expiring certificates on 6/30/24 through the forms link, <https://forms.office.com/r/DeuXTPPFwV>.

Before submitting a renewal request, verify the points accrued during the validity period in RML satisfy the requirements.

Once a teacher's certification is renewed, please have them update their certification date in RML. The date entered is the first day of their validity period, 07/01/YYYY.

Please also remember to submit requests for RML User Updates, Verification of Employment, and Practical Experience through the links below.

- RML User Updates: <https://forms.office.com/r/fmYMNxEN4C>
- Verification of Employment: <https://forms.office.com/r/kJbNgdGbL8>
- Practical Experience in Teaching: <https://forms.office.com/r/kJbNgdGbL8>

All requests must be in the teacher's name exactly as it is written on their SOE.

EARLY LEARNING EDUCATORS: Professional Development & Stipend Opportunity for Early Learning Educators The UF Lastinger Center for Learning's Flamingo Learning System is offering the Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential for birth-prekindergarten. Early learning staff are eligible to enroll in the online program that can be completed in less than four months. Earn 6.0 CEUs and a \$2000 stipend upon completion. Please see the attached flyer and take advantage of this great opportunity.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY: Science and STEAM Teachers of the Archdiocese of Miami it is my pleasure to invite you to a **free, week-long workshop** for middle and high school teachers that Cardinal Gibbons is hosting June 24-28, 2024. Specifically this is geared toward science, engineering, technology and STEAM in general. The workshop is limited to **30 people** so if you are interested sign up soon but also keep in mind the commitment of participating. See the attached flyer for more information and how to register.

If you have any questions, you can email our science department chair, Jennifer Muhlig - muhlig@cghsfl.org.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS: Quarter 3, Funding survey- It is very important that any schools missing funds for students complete this form by March 15. Please make sure your schools do this in a timely manner.

SOPHIA INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS AND ANGEL STUDIOS PRESENTS: A New Major Motion Film that Tells the Story of Mother Cabrini



From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Mother Cabrini.

As an Italian immigrant, Missionary Sister Frances Xavier Cabrini steps foot in America in 1889, and is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children living in New York's slums. Guided by her unwavering faith, Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to bring God's love and mercy to the marginalized. With a compassionate heart and a determined will, Cabrini relentlessly works to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. Despite facing numerous challenges, including language barriers, poor health and discrimination, the woman who would later become the first Catholic Female American

Saint activates her virtues of faith, hope and charity to bring reform to the peripheries.

Take your middle school and high school students to see this movie and receive **50% off!** (Available at select theaters)

Purchase Tickets: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b08c16feae130c0b4312d5ceb&id=d8327d9940&e=f1a80a51fc>

Get Your Free Lesson Plans: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b08c16feae130c0b4312d5ceb&id=8aece2164f&e=f1a80a51fc>