

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER



Teacher Appreciation Week

This is National Appreciation Week! This week, we celebrate the many talents of our Catholic educators. We are truly blessed by their dedication and presence!



O Mary,
we crown thee with flowers today,
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

It was wonderful to see our principals last week for our final Principals' Meeting. Not only did we discuss important information, but our meeting was a chance to celebrate our many accomplishments this year. I am incredibly proud of the great things happening in our schools, due in no small part to the exceptional dedication of our leaders. Know that my gratitude is with you as you enter the final weeks of the school year!

May is the month of Mary. May the Blessed Mother of God intercede for us, and remain our ever-present example of selflessness and faith!

Yours in Christ,

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

ANNUAL SAFETY REPORTS: Reports should be prepared and submitted to the office of the Associate Superintendent by **June 1, 2023**. Forms for the reports: **Log of Required School Drills and General School Safety Checklist** are available in the E-Library or principals may request a copy from the Associate Superintendent, Dr. Edwards.

EARLY EDUCATION STUDY WEBINAR: The Webinar to discuss the results of the Early Education Study will take place on **Monday, May 15 at 9:00 AM**. Elementary principals should attend, and may invite 2-3 members of their team to join as well. Please register *in advance* via the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/911563739916915031>

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MIAMI-DADE/MONROE: The Early Learning Coalition School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Contract applications **are due now**.

2023-2024 School Readiness Contract

- [Download](#) instructions on how to complete your School Readiness Contract
- [Download](#) School Readiness Contract Document Requirements

2023-2024 Voluntary Prekindergarten Contract

- [Download](#) instructions on how to sign your VPK Contract
- [Download](#) Fall VPK Contract Document Requirements

2023 Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Contract

- [Download](#) instructions on how to sign your Summer VPK Contract
- [Download](#) Summer VPK Contract Document Requirements

If your center has not yet been assessed, please know that the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe is actively scheduling and assessing early care and education partners interested in a School Readiness and/or VPK contract. If you have any questions regarding CLASS assessments, please contact classinfo@elcmdm.org.

EANS: The Florida Department of Education has extended the timeframe that your schools can continue to utilize EANS I funding. **Please note that the date will now extend until September 30, 2023.** Any requests for reimbursements or direct pay after that day will be rejected. Additionally, any reimbursements and/or direct pay requests for goods or services occurring after that date will be rejected.

Lastly, for those schools also participating in the ARP-EANS program, the deadline for using funds remains June 1, 2024. We will let you know if that date gets extended as well.

OCS PRINCIPALS' SURVEY: Archdiocesan principals should have received the invitation to participate in the annual OCS Principals' Survey on Monday, May 1. Please complete your survey by **Friday, May 12**. Remember that survey results are anonymous. The results of this survey will be used to shape future OCS initiatives and activities.

PMP (Professional Mentoring Program): Please submit all completed PMP programs as soon as possible. The original document/portfolio must remain at the school site for 5 years. Scan pages 9-27 and send to bcummings@theadom.org. Label the document with the teacher's last name, first name, and school. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Cummings.

REGISTER ME LIVE: Be sure to complete any outstanding evaluations in Register Me Live. Classes will be closed thirty days after they occur.

STEPUP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications for scholarship renewals are now open through the StepUp portal. As outlined in the email on Tuesday, please encourage your families to apply now if they are renewing their scholarship. StepUp has experienced lags in their application portal, so encourage parents to be patient. We are awaiting more information about when applications will be accepted for new scholarship applicants, including those who will now be eligible through the expanded FES program.

TITLE I (BROWARD): The PSW Phase II window will be open for you beginning **May 1, 2023, until the deadline, 4:00 pm on June 30, 2023**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 15: Early Education Study Webinar (9:00 AM); See announcement above
- May 18: Marketing Webinar (3:30-4:30 PM)
- May 22-23: FOCUS 11 Events
- May 29: Memorial Day (OCS Closed)
- June 12: Religion Curriculum Standards Training (times/location TBD)
- June 20: Teacher Observation and Evaluation Process Training (Monsignor Pace HS, times TBD)

DUE DATES:

- May 12: Complete OCS Principals Survey; See announcement above
- May 19: Submission date for completed Self-Appraisals (with pastor input and signature); Veteran principals only
- June 16: Contract/Employment letters are due to the OCS