

# ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER JUNE 26, 2025



### UPCOMING DATES:

- July 2:** New Principals' Meeting
- July 4:** Independence Day (OCS Closed)
- Aug. 1:** Principals' Meeting (Our Lady of Lourdes Academy)
- Aug. 4:** New Teacher Orientation (Monsignor Pace HS)
- Aug. 5:** First Day for Teachers
- Aug. 12:** First Day of Classes (Start of First Quarter)

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

July 1 is a very important date in the life of our Catholic schools. This date is the official start of the new school year, when new policies come into effect, new budgets are enacted, and we begin to welcome new staff to our schools. As you are aware, we will have some principal changes in the new school year. I am very pleased to inform you of the following new principals, who will start on July 1:

- St. Andrew: Renee Sarmiento
- Holy Family: Faradjah Muller (interim for 2025/26)
- Mary Help of Christians: David Revezzo (started in December, 2024)
- Cristo Rey Miami High School: Deonte Green (started as interim in 2024/25)

You will have an opportunity to meet each of these new leaders at our opening Principals' Meeting on Aug. 1.

In addition, you should have received emails last Sunday with our revised policy documents for the 2025/26 school year. It is very important that you become oriented with the changes in these important documents. Remember that the Verbatim Policies must be incorporated without changes into your local Parent/Student Handbook. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions related to policy changes.

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

### ATHLETICS DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

Please make your Athletics Director aware of the following required meetings in August:

- High School AD's: Aug. 4, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (Monsignor Pace HS)
- Elementary AD's: Aug. 7, 1:00-3:00 PM (Monsignor Pace HS)

Attendance is mandatory for all new and returning AD's.

### BROWARD TITLE I

The PSW will be accessible for schools to submit referrals starting from June 2nd and will remain open through the summer until August 8th.

- There are helpful videos available on the PSW to guide users through the referral process.
- For students who have rolled over and are address eligible, add the referral information, which should include parent consent and academic eligibility. This year, parent contact information is also required.

- When entering information for new students, fill out all fields completely, including demographics and the student's address. Once the student's address is approved, you can proceed to enter the referral information.
- If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to your grant facilitator.
- Additionally, instructional videos are provided on the PSW to assist with the referral process.

### I-READY UPDATES

We are excited to fully launch **i-Ready for the 2025–2026 school year — *on good ground!*** 🌱 If you have not already completed the 2025/26 i-Ready Survey, 📧 [Submit your survey here](#). Thank you for all you do to help us prepare the ground for a strong and successful year ahead!

#### 🌱 Leadership Teams:

Please select the date your team will attend the **Rooted and Ready** session. You should have received a calendar invite from Coral Martincavage. This virtual meeting will be held on **August 6** or **August 7**.



Each school must attend **one** of the two sessions. These sessions are required for **principals, curriculum coordinators, and/or IT, as well as other leadership** overseeing i-Ready implementation. This session will include key updates and **important rostering information**, so it is essential your leadership team is represented.

#### 📅 Save the Date – IT/EdTech Directors:

All IT staff are invited to attend the **Preparing the Ground: Secure Browser** informational meeting on **Monday, August 18, 2025**. Please pass this information along to your IT or EdTech person. A calendar invite will be sent soon-more details to come!



### MATH RESOURCES:

Math resources from the June Implementation Training are now available in e-Library. Please share these resources with the appropriate teachers and curriculum leaders at your schools. You may also access additional FL BEST Math resources [HERE](#). Sadlier has also released the Math BEST Correlations for *Progress in Mathematics* (K-5th Grade) and are also available in e-Library.

### McGRAW-HILL MATH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

McGraw-Hill will be hosting complimentary virtual professional learning opportunities for teachers new to implementing Florida Reveal Math (aligned to FL BEST for Math). See the attached flyer for specific dates and links to join. This is open to current schools using Reveal Math or schools who may be interested in adopting Florida Reveal Math.

### NEW FCC ACCREDITAITON STANDARDS:

The new **FCC Accreditation Standards are aligned with NSBECS 2.0** and will be used by all elementary schools in **accreditation cycle years 1-6 in the 2025-2026 school year**. If you missed the webinar hosted by Mary Camp earlier in the year, the recording and slide deck are posted on the FCC website [HERE](#).(see New Accreditation Standards for 2025-2026 slide deck and recording). The new FCC Accreditation Standards for 2025-2026 are also posted on the website [HERE](#). As you plan faculty meeting topics, remember to build in time to **review the new standards and benchmarks with your leadership teams and faculty and staff**. More details on domains are forthcoming. We will discuss changes during future meetings.

### NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION REGISTRATION:

**Friday, August 4th**

**8:30AM - 12:30PM**


Monsignor Pace High School (15600 NW 32nd Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33054)

Please complete one form for each new teacher attending the orientation. This is any teacher new to the ADOM. If they transferred from another Archdiocesan school, they do not need to attend. Please also register any mid-year hires who did not attend the 2024 Orientation. <https://forms.office.com/r/5Gnq6wnnbe>

**NEW WEBINAR SERIES: INCLUSION IN ACTION - ABA & CATHOLICISM:**

Porto Charities, an organization that advocates for inclusion of people with disabilities within the Catholic community will be offering a webinar series beginning in July that is provided, apparently for free, by the Diocese of Arlington (VA) <https://www.portocharities.org/>

More information below:




**Inclusion in Action  
Webinar Series**

## Catholicism and ABA

*Looking at Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)  
through the eyes of our Catholic faith, how science  
can help us reach out in love*

**Joseph Clem, BCBA**  
*Joseph Clem is a Catholic husband and father of  
four children and a Lifetime Member of Youth  
Apostles. He has been working with children and  
adults with intellectual and developmental  
disabilities since 2011. He became a Board Certified  
Behavior Analyst in 2016.*



- Wednesday 7/23 Part 1 - ABA & Catholicism
- Wednesday 7/30 Part 2 - ABA Concepts & Assessments
- Wednesday 8/13 Part 3 - ABA interventions & Resources

*All webinars will begin at 7:30pm via Zoom.*

Register to receive the Zoom links:  
[www.portocharities.org/register](https://www.portocharities.org/register)

**STEP UP: REMINDER**

All New and Renewal students must have been enrolled by June 15, 2025, for payment dates:

**Renewal** – August Quarter 1 funding

**New and additional Renewal:** September Quarter 1

All Others enrolled after these dates will receive payment later.