

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2, 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



UPCOMING DATES:

Oct. 3: Early Dismissal (PD)
Oct. 9: ESE Bootcamp (Marian Center)
Oct 10: End of First Quarter
Oct. 13: PD Day (no school)
Oct. 14: Beginning of Second Quarter
Oct. 25: Catechetical Conference (Archbishop McCarthy HS)
Oct 30: Elementary AP Meeting (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Dear Principals,

It was great to see you at the Bridging the Gap gathering last week! I hope this event was a chance to engage in professional development and reconnect with other school leaders. It was also wonderful to interact with other leaders at our schools. Leadership is always a “team effort”, and we rely upon the talents of others as we live out our vocation to educational leadership!

I hope that the presentation by PowerSchool during our breakout meeting was helpful. I know that our principals have many questions about this transition. Please remember that we are at the beginning of the journey, and many answers will be known in time. You should expect regular communication from PowerSchool in the months ahead. I am also anticipating that you should shortly have access to the “PD+” platform, which provides short training videos on various aspects of PowerSchool. This is a great way for you and members of your team to get more closely oriented with the PowerSchool platform, and prepare for more intensive training to come.

Finally, we are preparing for our first system-wide PD Day on Oct. 13. Remember that the OCS is offering several optional opportunities. Remember to register any teachers participating in PD sessions in RML by tomorrow (Oct. 3).

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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

CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE 2025:

“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope” (1 Pet 3:15)

Saturday, October 25, 2025

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School

5451 South Flamingo Road

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

\$45 plus processing fee

Registration link:

<https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user?f=077E1AF3807DD2EB8EF3834751CCE682FD613F0C33EC8421669313B69253B514669735CECB2A1F9E>

**Please make sure that teachers use their school email to register for the conference.

FCC: TERRA NOVA NEXT ASSESSMENT ORDERS SPRING 2026:

It is time to submit your TerraNova Next Assessment Orders for Spring 2026. Principals and Test Coordinators should have received an email (dated 09/25/25) from Christine Kirk with the order form and instructions to complete the order form. The submission deadline is October 23, 2025. Please keep the order form in its original Excel format and do not submit it as a PDF or Google Doc. Please copy our Diocesan Assessment Coordinator, Dr. LaTonya White (lwhite@theadom.org) when submitting your orders to fccorders@datarecognitioncorp.com.

The Teacher’s Guide to TerraNova NEXT is an OPTIONAL resource and may be found under the Ancillary Materials section on the order form. Once purchased, the guide is accessed digitally from the DRC portal by the User that is assigned to the license (one user per license agreement). You may also call Customer Service at 800-538-9547 to place your order if you did not include it on the order form.

FACTS WEBINAR FOR PRINCIPALS: Optional

Agenda Highlights: Tuesday October 31, 2025

- Overview of the FACTS platform and its core functions
 - Transition to PowerSchool: What it means for your financial workflows
 - Integration strategies between FACTS and payment structures
 - High-level resources to help you navigate FACTS with confidence
- This session is designed to provide clarity, answer questions, and highlight tools to lead financial operations effectively.
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://nelnet.zoom.us/j/81298433731?pwd=oe2GbU3oWhgtwsGb4YHunVlFZW6bav.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 812 9843 3731

Passcode: 57x5Pa

NSU CLINICAL EDUCATION TRAINING 2025:

Nova Southeastern University is offering a self-paced asynchronous online Clinical Educator course October 13 – December 6, 2025. The cost is \$150 per person. See the attached flyer for more information and registration. The easiest way to register and pay is with a credit card. However, if you have multiple participants, email Jodi Miller (OPS@nova.edu) with a list of names including emails and she will issue an invoice with a Purchase Order (PO). See the attachment for more information.

OBSERVATION DOCUMENTATION LOG

The Observation Documentation Log is submitted once per semester. The documentation log for the first semester is due December 15, 2025 and should include completed formal observations from both the first and second observation windows. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. White (lwhite@theadom.org).

OCTOBER 3 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (Elementary Schools)

Thank you for registering to attend the virtual session: Developing Lifelong Mathematicians led by Catapult coaches. As referenced during the Principals’ Meeting at Bridging the Gap, the sessions are arranged according to grade-level band. I strongly recommend logging in at least 10 minutes early to troubleshoot any “technical glitches”. Please share the links and passcodes below with your teachers. This information is also posted in RML.

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<https://catapultlearning.zoom.us/j/98269798275?pwd=WPGFWtzBYMmlsKk3bPtImSpaXuS4Sm.1>

Password: 200506

Meeting ID: 982 6979 8275

Grades 3-5

<https://catapultlearning.zoom.us/j/92133411477?pwd=2lZ4LXej8VJnbiXvsPxjTjCvJUge8.1>

Password: 410698

Meeting ID: 921 3341 1477

Grades 6-8

<https://catapultlearning.zoom.us/j/95227632189?pwd=yB7UKgZsbbG9DOfiv36FZRI9jETBML.1>

Password: 776025

Meeting ID: 952 2763 2189

STEP UP – AUP PROCEDURES WEBINARS:

Agreed Upon Procedures Webinar dates remaining:

October 6: 1 p.m. ET

October 8: 12 p.m. ET

November 3: 11 a.m. ET

November 5: 1 p.m. ET

December 8: 11 a.m. ET

February 4: 12 p.m. ET

February 9: 12 p.m. ET

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)