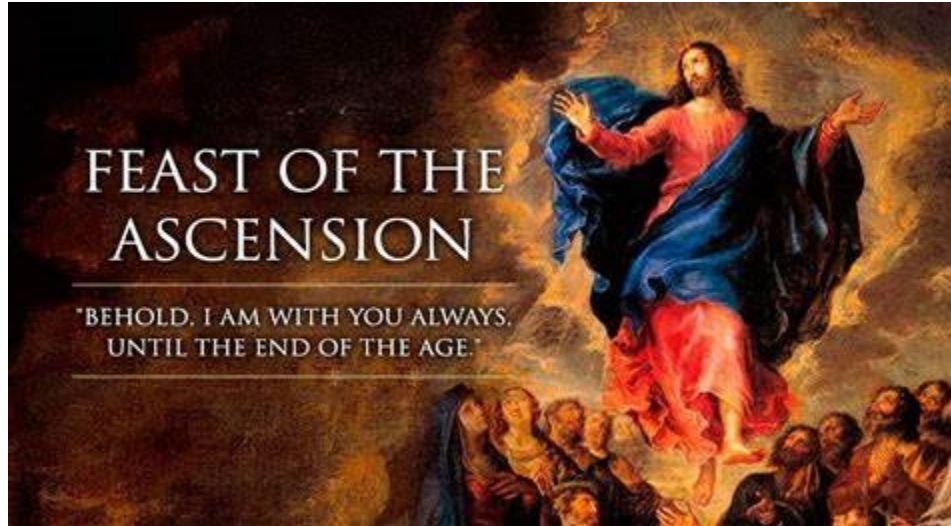


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PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER MAY 9, 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Principals,

It was wonderful to see you at last week's Principals' Meeting! While this will be our final time together for the 2023/24 school year, know that you can always reach out to the OCS with any needs in the final weeks of classes. As always, we are here to support you!

You should have received the recent email inviting you to participate in the annual Principals' Survey. This survey allows you to give input into the services and support of the Office of Catholic Schools. Please complete this anonymous survey when you have a chance, or no later than May 24.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Sincerely,

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Complete all Summative Observations through Rediker **PRIOR** to contracts.

May 13 from 1:30 to 2:15pm: Letters of Continued Employment for non-instructional personnel webinar

May 17: Title I Meeting for Broward at 10am.

May 23: ADOM Learning training at 10am. Register in RML. (This is a virtual training about the online PD site.)

May 24: Survey for Title I Provider due for Miami-Dade schools to OCS.

June 5: Last Day of School

June 7: Last Day for teachers

June 17: ALL contracts and letter are due to Beatriz in the OCS.

LOOKING AHEAD:

July 2: New Principal Meeting at ADOM in the Coleman Carroll room.

August 2: Principal Meeting at Immaculata LaSalle High School. All pastors are encouraged to attend in the afternoon.



*Congratulations to our departing principals!
Thank you for your service!*

ADOM LEARNING PLATFORM: As presented at the recent principals' meeting, we are about ready to roll out the new ADOM Learning platform which will house professional development offerings as well as the catechetical certification courses. Emails will be sent to all users when the platform is ready to go live. We expect this to happen later in May.

In light of this roll out, **there will be a virtual training for school administrators and state/catechetical certification coordinators on Thursday, May 23rd from 10:00 to 11:00am.** The topics covered will include a general orientation to the platform, the administrator functions, and how to obtain credit for courses taken on the platform. Please see the Microsoft Teams meeting link and details below.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 224 064 300 595

Passcode: mfFvL7

FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY:

Masterpieces of Splendor & Passion: Baroque Spain & its Empire

Nov. 7, 2024 – March 30, 2025

Bring your students to the Boca Raton Museum of Art for an extraordinary field trip that reflects Christian traditions and faith!

Looking carefully at religious imagery, portraits of leaders, and images of daily life, students are engaged in learning about the art and culture of Spain between 1550-1700. Rarely-seen masterpieces by some of Spain's most renowned painters such as El Greco and Diego Velázquez are on loan from the Hispanic Society Museum & Library. Students interact with guides to discover, think critically, and reflect.

- Free 60-minute guided tours
- Connected to ELA and VA FL State Standards
- Engaging student-centered K-12 tours

Schedule your tour today!

<https://bocamuseum.org/art-education/school-tours>



El Greco (Doménikos Theotokopoulos)
(Born 1541 in Heraklion, Greece; Died 1614 in Toledo, Spain). *Miniature of a Man*, 1586-1590,
Oil on cardboard, 7.9 x 5.7 cm, The Hispanic Society of America, New York, NY

BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART

501 Plaza Real, In Mizner Park, Boca Raton, FL 33432 | www.bocamuseum.org

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The Letters of Continued Employment for non-instructional personnel may be found in the e-library in the Managers folder, under the subfolder of Letters of Offer.

School HR /Payroll Persons (and Principals welcome!), are invited to join us for a 45-minute Zoom meeting on **Monday, May 13 from 1:30 to 2:15 P.M.** to review the Letters of Continued Employment. We will review the letters, who gets which, FLSA considerations,

Paylocity codes for specific situations, Teacher Aide PTO, and more.

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183945881?pwd=eTBrMUUpDamNPcnl1Tnlvam1WTmNuQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8394 5881

Passcode: 771005

NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT (FEDERAL): Per the recent email, the deadline for submission for the federal Nonprofit Security Grant has been extended to May 15 at 5:00 PM. See Dr. Rigg's previous email for more information, including the application form.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: When planning to install new or replacement playground equipment, please remember that playgrounds are a potential liability, so it is critical that the new equipment and safety flooring in all fall areas meets minimum safety standards put forth by the CPSC. For your reference, **attached** is a copy of the Playground Safety Handbook published by the CPSC.

As a reminder, all contractors installing playground equipment and flooring are required to be licensed, insured, and contracted, in accordance with standard ADOM requirements and we highly recommend that the playground equipment company also be responsible for the installation of the equipment. Upon completion of the playground installation the playground company shall be required to provide the ADOM with copy of all equipment and safety flooring specifications / documentation (certifying the playground installation meets all CPSC requirements) and copies of all closed permits prior to final payment.

For your reference the following companies have successfully installed playgrounds for ADOM entities in the past:

1. Michael Lacroix - REP SERVICES | (email) michael@repservices.com (office): 407.831.9658 (mobile): 204.390.3833
2. Mary Serrao – BYO Playgrounds (email) Mary.Serrao@byoplayground.com (office) 904.417.6110 (mobile) 904.240.9464
3. Oscar Lopez – Kompan (email) OscLop@Kompan.com (mobile) 305-542-7063

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS FOR FALL 2024: NEW LINKS!!!

FACTS PD Request Form: 24-25 School Year (Miami-Dade Schools ONLY): <https://forms.office.com/r/g9RK5zT4t3>

Catapult PD Request Form: 24-25 School Year (Broward or Miami-Dade): <https://forms.office.com/r/PUwdxUhVjJ>

STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP: New Leadership- Step Up for Students is welcoming a new chief executive to lead our efforts to expand educational opportunities for Florida students. The new CEO, Gretchen Schoenhaar, comes from Barclays, a top-10 global investment bank. Her two decades of executive leadership have focused on improving payment systems, integrating technology to delight customers, and skillfully navigating government regulations.

SUMMER SLIDE: University of Florida: Prevent Summer Learning Loss with CLOVER by 4-H: Your Invitation to Join!

Dear Educator, As we gear up for the summer break, I hope this letter finds you well and excited about the opportunities to support your students in their continued learning journey. We understand the challenges posed by the traditional “summer slide,” where students can lose valuable academic skills over the break.

That is why we are reaching out to introduce you to an innovative solution: CLOVER by 4-H. CLOVER is an interactive and engaging online platform designed to provide educational resources and activities for youth. CLOVER, which stands for “Connecting Learning Opportunities for Volunteers and Extension Resources,” offers engaging learning opportunities developed in concert with 100+ top-tier Universities, including the University of Florida. Best of all, it is **FREE for your students!**

The platform aims to enhance learning experiences and engagement for students by providing access to interactive learning modules, project materials, and opportunities for communication and collaboration.

Here are just a few reasons why CLOVER is the perfect opportunity for your students:

- Customizable Learning Paths: CLOVER offers personalized learning pathways based on each student’s interests.
- Engaging Content: CLOVER is filled with interactive lessons and educational games designed to keep students motivated and excited about learning, making it the perfect way to reinforce key concepts over the summer break.
- Easy to use: Getting started with CLOVER is quick and easy.

Students and families set their own username and password, and all activities are available in multiple formats (interactive experience, basic webpage, or downloadable for use off-line) so that any student may access to content, regardless of internet access. Thank you for considering CLOVER as part of your summer learning strategy. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of students and ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Please see the **attached** flyer.

TITLE I MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION FOR BROWARD: Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Department has scheduled a Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meeting for private schools participating in Title I, Part A, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged in the 2024-2025 school year. Please note that ongoing consultation and your input is vital. The meeting information is as follows:

Location: Teams <https://bit.ly/3Um2F9S>

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

The principal or representative from each private school that elects to participate in the Title I, Parts A Private School Program for the 2024-2025 school year **must attend this meeting.**

TITLE I SERVICES FOR MIAMI-DADE: 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR: Be on the lookout for an email from the OCS (Office of Catholic Schools) for Title I services for the 24-25 school year. The email will contain videos from Catapult and FACTS, and a survey for you to choose your Title I provider. The survey will be due no later than May 24.

VOCATIONS BOX: During a school visit we caught St. Agnes implementing a great resource connected to our keynote earlier this year by Rhonda Gruenewald.

