

# PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

OCTOBER 25, 2019

## Pause and Ponder

**October – Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee (John 4:46-54)**

**Virtuous Action – Asking for Assistance**

This month our virtuous action was *Asking for Assistance* and our role model was the official who sought healing for his son. Whenever we ask for assistance, there is always an element of risk. While we admire the faith of the official and celebrate with him the healing of his son, the situation could have had different results.

Sometimes, in asking for assistance, one of three things may occur. Like the official, our request may be granted just as desired. At other times, our request may not occur at all and we may become discouraged. Somewhere between these polar opposites lies the third option. The third option is that our request receives a reply, but not exactly the response we thought would occur.

It is in this third option that true faith is tested. Here, a response might occur but not be understood or accepted. We are challenged to believe that what the Lord sends our way was meant for us.

This week let us be open to what comes our way, particularly as a result of prayer. Let us accept that in asking for assistance, we may receive not what we desire, but what we need.

## Let Us Pray

+ for **All Saints Catholic School** celebrating a patronal day on Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day

+ for **caregivers** whose kindness and compassion supports life at all ages and stages

## Catholic Identity

**All Souls Day (November 2)** – “I believe... in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.” – These final words of the Apostles Creed gain our focus in November, the Month of the Holy Souls. We learn from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that faith in the resurrection of our bodies is inseparable from our faith in the Resurrection of Christ's body from the dead. He rose as our head, as the pattern of our rising, and as the life-giving source of our new life. All the dead will rise when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead. In the final resurrection, our bodies will be transformed, although we do not know precisely how. The manner of our resurrection exceeds our understanding and imagination and is accessible only by our faith.

*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

## Weekly Calendar

|                           |   |            |                        |
|---------------------------|---|------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 27</b> | <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>          |            |                        |
|                           | Open House @ Saint Mark's High School             | 12:00 noon |                        |
|                           | Open House @ Archmere Academy                     | 1:00 pm    |                        |
| Monday, October 28        | <i>Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>               |            |                        |
|                           | CSO Staff Meeting                                 | 9:30 am    |                        |
| Tuesday, October 29       | Administrators' Meeting                           | 9:30 am    | St. Joseph, Middletown |
| <b>Friday, November 1</b> | <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>                    |            |                        |
|                           | Bishop's Visit                                    | 10:00 am   | All Saints             |
| Saturday, November 2      | <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i> |            |                        |
| <b>Sunday, November 3</b> | <b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>       |            |                        |
|                           | National Vocations Awareness Week begins          |            |                        |
|                           | Daylight Savings Time ends                        |            |                        |
|                           | Open House @ St. Thomas More Academy              | 12:00 pm   |                        |
|                           | Open House @ Salesianum School                    | 12:30 pm   |                        |

## Action Required

**Administrators' Meeting (October 29)** – The information below is relevant for Tuesday's Administrators' meeting.

- Administrators are asked to read the Introduction and Chapters 1-2 in *Fresh Eyes on Jesus' Miracles*. Discussion of the readings will occur at the meeting. Please bring the book with you to the meeting.
- The attached school counselor evaluation materials are being recommended by a committee composed of secondary and elementary counselors. Last year administrators reviewed a draft of the professional standards for counselors and offered valuable input. In addition, a few principals piloted a summative evaluation instrument at the end of the year and they, too, offered suggestions. The committee has spent many hours reviewing and revising the attached document based on this feedback. Kindly review the materials and be prepared to offer any final suggestions at Tuesday's administrators' meeting.

## Attention Needed

**From the Missions Office...**

**Christmas Coloring Contest** – See the information from Fr. Chris Coffey regarding the Christmas Coloring Contest for Grades 1-4.

**From the Vocations Office...**

**Vocation Awareness Week** – Prepare to celebrate Vocations Awareness Week (November 3-9) by focusing on vocations as outlined in the attached information.

**From the Human Resources Office...**

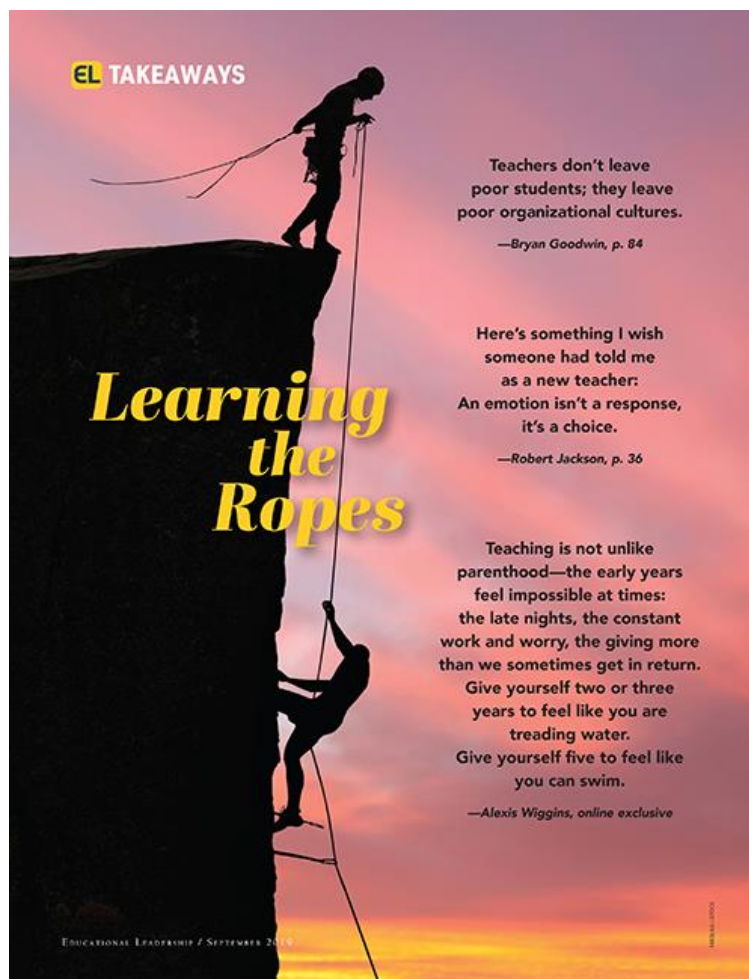
**Requests for Drug Screens** – LaTanya Warren will be leaving her position in the Human Resources Office. All requests for drug screens should be sent to [HumanResources@cdow.org](mailto:HumanResources@cdow.org). If you don't receive results from the HR department within five business days, please send a message to the same email. The entire department has access to this e-mail address. If you have delegated the new-hire drug screen process to others in your office, please share this communication with them.

**High School Placement Test** – November is the final month for eighth grade students to register for the High School Placement Test. Elementary schools are asked to remind students and their parents or guardians weekly of this upcoming deadline in school communications and on the school website.

**High School Recommendation Form** – Please remind teachers that the Diocese of Wilmington Confidential Record Form should be completed and available so that when requests come in early December, the form can be copied and forwarded to secondary schools. The form may be found on the CSO intranet under General Resources>Admissions.

**Scoreboard Available** – Christ the Teacher Catholic School is looking to remove its scoreboard from its former gymnasium. It is maroon and is fully-functional. If anyone is interested in obtaining the scoreboard, please contact Steve Adams at [sadams@christtheteacher.org](mailto:sadams@christtheteacher.org).

## Newsorthy Information



Topic – New Teachers  
Source: *Educational Leadership*, October 2019

## ***Reasons to Celebrate***

***With Gratitude*** – As we prepare for Vocations Awareness Week (November 3-9), we extend sincere appreciation to ***Bishop Malooly***, 171 ***Priests*** (110 Diocesan and 61 Religious), 11 ***Brothers***, and 159 ***Sisters*** who live and serve in the Diocese of Wilmington. Through their witness, may the Diocese of Wilmington be blessed with more young people who consider the priesthood and consecrated life.



***All you holy men and women pray for us.***

***All Saints Day – November 1***

***All Souls Day – November 2***