

Believe and see the glory of God.



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

DIocese of WILMINGTON – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Pause and Ponder

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

Virtuous Action – Asking for Assistance

The second sign found in the Gospel of John is one of healing and trust. In this passage, the official not only travels far to find Jesus and ask for assistance for his son, but also trusts implicitly that what Jesus says will come true. The dialogue between the official and Jesus is brief and concludes with the words of Jesus, "You may go, your son will live." There are no further questions from the official. He knows that what Jesus says, Jesus does.

Such amazing trust has the official in the words of Jesus! The passage challenges me to evaluate my trust in the Word of God. As often as I read Scripture passages in which the Apostles, disciples, and others are called to trust in the Lord's promises, I question my trust level. Do I want indications, reassurances, or signs before I trust the Lord? How far will I go in my level of trust?

This week, let us assess our trust level in Jesus and his promises and pray for an increase of faith in the Lord.

Let Us Pray

- + for **Holy Angels School** celebrating a patronal day of Wednesday, October 2 – Holy Guardian Angels
- + for **Holy Angels School** and the **Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia** celebrating a patronal day on Friday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi
- + for the **October intention of Pope Francis**: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church
- + for the repose of the soul of **Br. Michael Rosenello, OSFS**, who spent most of his religious life in service to St. Anthony of Padua Parish and Padua Academy

Catholic Identity

Culture of Life Studies Program (CLSP) – Each school received curriculum last year sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from the Culture of Life Studies Program. Our commitment as a diocese to the Culture of Life is that each October and January, every Religion class would teach at least one lesson on the sanctity of life at all ages and stages. The CLSP offers excellent resources for this purpose and continues to expand its library of

lessons. THE CLSP website is www.cultureoflifestudies.com. Administrators are asked to ensure that we fulfill our diocesan commitment to promoting the Culture of Life throughout the school year, but most especially in October and January, months designated for Respect Life.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 29	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday, September 30	CSO Staff Meeting	9:30 am	
	Meeting for Y1 Mentors & Mentees	4:00 pm	Padua
	Meeting for Y4 Mentors & Mentees	4:00 pm	St. Anthony of Padua
Tuesday, October 1	<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>		
	New Administrators' Meeting	9:30 am	St. John the Beloved
	Middle School Level Coordinators' Meeting	1:00 pm	1626
	Meeting for Y2 Mentors & Mentees	4:00 pm	St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday, October 2	<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>		
	Elementary School Religion Leaders Meeting	1:00 pm	1626
	Secondary School Religion Leaders Meeting	2:00 pm	1626
Thursday, October 3	School Counselors' Meeting	1:00 pm	1626
Friday, October 4	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>		
	CSO School Visit	8:30 am	Christ the Teacher
Sunday, October 6	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		

Action Required

Official School Enrollment – All Catholic school (stand-alone preschool, elementary and secondary, parish, regional, diocesan, and private) are reminded to submit the Official School Enrollment (enrollment as of September 30) by the end of the day on **Monday, September 30**. Use the Google sheet designed for this purpose. If you have any questions, please call the Catholic Schools Office.

Federal Programs Confidential Family Survey – Family Survey Information is to be returned to the Catholic Schools Office by **Friday, October 4**. Be mindful that it is beneficial to your school to aim for the highest number of returns from your families. In order to insure that all your surveys are complete and eligible for submission to the respective school districts, we ask that you provide the following reminders to the individual who is responsible for collecting, checking, and sending your documents.

BEFORE SENDING SURVEYS TO CSO, REVIEW EACH SURVEY FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Is your School ID # listed on the top right corner of each Family Survey?
- Is the Family ID # listed on the survey?
- Have both sides of the survey been completed? ***Incomplete surveys are not submitted.***
- Is the correct School District listed for the student's residence?
- When returning copies, have you copied both sides of the survey?
- Is all information on copied surveys legible?
- Return only hard copies of surveys. ***Emailed or faxed copies will not be accepted.***

New Castle County Consortium – Title I referrals are due to your respective school districts. With the start of October, we wish to see Title I services get underway. Please forward any outstanding referrals by the end of the upcoming week.

Attention Needed

October Reflection – The October reflection is provided for use with your faculty and staff.

High School Open Houses – Please remind every sixth, seventh, and eighth grade student in your school about High School Open House dates and encourage their families to visit Catholic high schools. Encouragement from administrators and teachers goes far with parents and students!

High School Admissions Process – A Correction – In prior information distributed about the information to be provided for the admissions process to high school, it stated that the Renaissance Longitudinal Report was the summary of standardized progress to be submitted. It should have stated the Renaissance Annual Report. Since Renaissance has been in use only for the 2018-2019 school year, one Annual Report is on file for eighth grade students who took the assessments last year. This report, along with the September testing results, should be provided to parents for high school admissions. Please share this information with the Admissions Director at your school since they, too, were given the incorrect information.

CSO Intranet – In visiting the CSO Intranet you will find that the Principal's Page has been removed under Staff Pages and a separate drop-down menu has been created under Administrators. The password (CSO1868) for administrators remains the same. Please remind teachers and other staff members who need access to the CSO Intranet that their password is CDOW1868.

School Religion Leaders' Meeting – Please remind your School Religion Leader (Curriculum Coordinator or Department Chair) about the meeting on **Wednesday, October 2**, at the Catholic Schools Office. Elementary Coordinators will meet 1:00 – 3:00 pm; Secondary Chairpersons will meet 2:00 – 4:00 pm. From 2:00-3:00 pm a presentation will occur for all School Religion Leaders – elementary and secondary. Please remind your School Religion Leader about this annual meeting.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage – The Rosary will be recited in a prayer service with Bishop Malooly on **Monday, October 7**, at the shrine at Holy Spirit Church beginning at 10:00 am. Schools arriving earlier than 9:45 am will be able to have their pictures taken with Bishop Malooly prior to the service. Please follow directions of the CPO staff as you arrive. Please refer to the information distributed by CPO for specific details and expectations of the event.

Diocese of Wilmington Vocations Office – Please see the flyer regarding Vocations Awareness Week (**November 3-9**) from the Vocations Office. If you have any questions, contact the Vocations Office at 302-573-3113.

Level Coordinators' Meetings – Elementary Principals are asked to share the following dates with level coordinators so they can attend their annual meetings. All meetings are at the Catholic Schools Office beginning at 1:00 pm.

- **Middle School Level – Tuesday, October 1**

- **Intermediate Level – Tuesday, October 8**
- **Primary Level – Tuesday, October 15**
- **Early Childhood – Thursday, October 24**

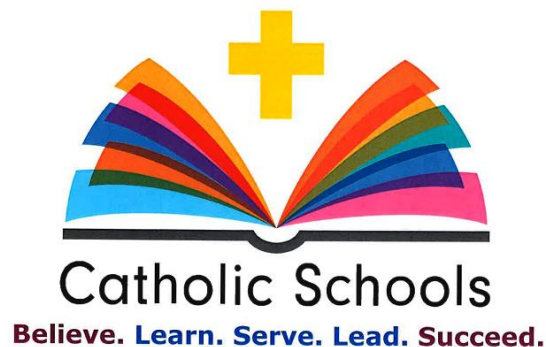
Newsworthy Information

NCEA Marketing Kit – As a member of the NCEA, you should have received the Marketing Kit for Catholic Schools 2019-2020. Please share the kit with the appropriate personnel in your school to use it as a support to marketing efforts.

Literature Mapping Contest – In conjunction with Geography Awareness Week (November 10-16), the Delaware Center for Geographic Education is conducting a contest that connects geography and literature. Please see the information provided. It is always good marketing for your school to be recognized as a participant in events that are local, regional, or national. Please share the information with your English Language Arts and Social Studies teachers.

Reasons to Celebrate

First Month – Congratulations on completing the first month of school successfully! From all reports and school visits, it appears the 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start. Thank you for continuing the momentum!



The world's thy ship and not thy home.
Saint Therese of Lisieux