

# PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Diocese of Wilmington—Catholic Schools Office

November 10, 2023

## ***Pause and Ponder***

***Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.***

*Love, joy, peace, patience, etc. are virtues to which we all strive in some way. It is not unusual to tell others that we seek to be more loving toward others, joy-filled in our work, peaceful in conflicts, and patient in trying circumstances. We reflect on our behaviors around these virtues and acknowledge success when we move closer to the virtue we hope to display.*

*Our Beatitude virtue for November is humility. But humility is unlike the other virtues described. It seems odd or uncomfortable to tell others that we are striving to be humble. It almost sounds as if we are bragging about how humble we are or can be.*

*Humility seems to be a virtue that develops by simply being our best self in the circumstances where we are. It finds fulfillment in being genuine in beliefs, moral in character, and honest in situations. Humility seems to spring forth from the life of God (grace) that is in each one of us.*

*A humble person need not tell others that s/he is seeking to be humble. It becomes obvious to others because, to paraphrase St. Francis de Sales, the humble person is who s/he is and is that well.*

*Let us pray for this gift of grace this week.*

## ***Let Us Pray...***

+ for the faithful departed, whom we remember in a special way during this Month of the Holy Souls



## ***Calendar Dates***

<b><i>Sunday, Nov 12</i></b>	<b><i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>
Monday, Nov 13	St. Frances Cabrini CSO Staff Meeting, 9:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 14	Administrators' Meeting, St. Joseph Parish, Middletown, 9:15 am  Y1 Mentoring (Southern Cohort only), Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 4:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 16	T1 PowerSchool Meeting, virtual, 9:30 am
Friday, Nov 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary  Fr. Trainor Scholarship Luncheon, Chase Center, 12:00 noon
<b><i>Sunday, Nov 19</i></b>	<b><i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>

## ***Catholic Identity – End of the Liturgical Year***

The liturgical year concludes with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on **Sunday, November 26**. Created by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it is a reminder of our place in the reign of God – at the service of our Lord. This liturgical occasion should be included in classroom instruction in schools to highlight the solemnity and to identify the conclusion of another liturgical year cycle. Consider prayer and song appropriate to this solemnity during the week of November 26.

*The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a 'kingdom of justice, love and peace.' For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfillment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity.*

– Angelus Address of Pope Francis, Solemnity of Christ the King, November 22, 2020

## ***Eucharistic Revival***

### ***Playbook for Schools***

During the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival, we have a unique opportunity to engage with our school communities and grow together on our journey to a greater understanding and love for the Eucharist. The National Committee has compiled the attached *Playbook for Schools*, which you will find incredibly helpful. It is divided into four invitations, each providing valuable recommendations for bringing the Eucharistic Revival to Catholic School communities. This manual can help you strengthen your school's Eucharistic culture and share the gift of the Eucharist in a new and meaningful way. As always, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Pin if there are any ways he can help or if you have any questions about the Revival!

## ***T1 End-of-Term Meeting***

Please register for CDOW End of Term (T1) on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:30 AM EST** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1370497698333894490>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This year the Diocese of Wilmington's PowerSchool schools will be utilizing digital report cards which can be accessed on the admin, teacher and public portals. These report cards can also be mass-printed as pdf for archival purposes or to provide to parents who do not have a parent portal account yet.

For reference please review the [Digital Report Card Instructional Google Document](#). We encourage schools to try it out prior to our end of term meeting, so we can answer any questions you may have.

## ***BOOST – Maryland Schools***

BOOST checks are out 😊!

If possible, would you please ensure that when parents come to endorse their BOOST checks at schools that they join the BOOST Action Network? When parents were asked to do this in the past, it's worked quite well. It's a great way to ensure the parents are in the BOOST Action Network prior to the start of legislative session.

## ***BrightArrow Test – November 15***

BrightArrow for school administrators will be tested on **Wednesday, November 15**, in the morning. Please check the message and do not call the Catholic Schools Office stating that you saw a message came through and wondered what it might be.

## ***Bishop's 5K – November 18***

Join the fun run Bishop's 5K, on Saturday, November 18, 9:00AM, at Saint Mark's High School! Prizes are given to the top male and female runner in each age group and to the diocesan school with the most participants. Healthy snacks are handed out after the race! Student registration is just \$19 if you are 18 or under.

The Bishop's 5K raises money to support the work of Catholic Charities, including a homeless shelter, food pantry, and pregnancy counseling.

Register today at <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K>.



## ***Middle States Re-accredited!***

*Congratulations to the following schools in the Diocese of Wilmington which have been re-accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools for a period of seven years!*

*Holy Angels School, Newark, DE*

*St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, Wilmington, DE*

*St. Elizabeth School, Wilmington, DE*

*St. Francis de Sales School, Salisbury, MD*

*St. John the Beloved School, Wilmington, DE*

DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT  
IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN  
YOURSELVES.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

