

Keystone

noun: keystone

1. a central stone at the summit of an arch, locking the whole together.
2. something on which associated things depend for support



Office for Catholic Schools

August 27, 2018

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[2018-2019 OCS Academic Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events for September:

- 3 - OCS Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 17 - MAP Testing
- 17 - Fall Data Collection begins
- 20-21 - [Principal/President Retreat at Seabeck](#)
- 25 - Executive Principal Meeting



Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to a new school year!

We began our year together with what has now become a traditional 2 day event, Kickstart. We learned the following from the 58 completed evaluations:

What did principals appreciate?

- New location received high marks, and the ability to procure our own caterers or food menus
- New location allowed for the ability to differentiate and allow for choice
- Opportunity for choice in selections and longer sessions
- Most objectives were achieved
- Appreciated beginning our days together with Mass, and appreciated Fr. Northrup's homily

According to the evaluations, what do the principals want more of?

- Opportunities for discussion
- Start each of our principal meetings with Mass
- McCleary Decision detail, how to meet the growing salary needs
- What items to place in the personnel files
- Opportunities to practice the CEL 5D teacher feedback
- How to better differentiate for elementary data
- How to better assist with the a data discussion elementary school to high school data

In the Office for Catholic Schools, we value your honest feedback. We review it as a whole staff to make our instructional decisions moving forward. The next time we are all together will be at our All-Principal Retreat. Be sure to register now! Our next all principal meeting will be help on Thursday, October 25.

Finally, during this difficult time for our Church, and as ministers who work to prepare and facilitate an encounter with Jesus for students, families and teachers, I want to share with you a couple of thoughts. First, the day after the Philadelphia story broke, we hosted our New Teachers In-Service. The energy and love that the new teachers brought to us on that day inspired me in a dark time. Second, know that I truly believe that our schools are tremendous sources and conduits of Christ's light in this world. In our work we "Cast bread upon the waters..." each of us has been called to build and discover the Kingdom of God in each school and community. Please know that we keep you all in our prayers. As always, please call if you have any questions!



Catholic Identity

SCHOOL COUNSELORS MEETING – [Friday, Sept. 14th 9:30 AM to 1:30](#)

[PM Isaac Orr Conference Room, The Chancery](#). Mental Health Committee and the leadership of the Diversified Learners Committee are bringing high school and elementary school counselors together! [Read More](#)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2018 GAMES - THANK YOU to your

students from all Chancery ministries!

Video highlights include: **Welcome Special Olympics Athletes** - [3 minute video](#), **Special Olympics Mass with Archbishop Sartain** – [2 minute video](#), and **The Cheerline!** – [2 minute video](#).

WANT TO KEEP THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERING MOMENTUM

GOING? Consider: [Read More](#)

ON YOUR RADAR....

- The [18-19 Christ In the Classroom On-Boarding Toolkit](#) is ready to use!
- [Register for CIC Leadership Retreat](#) – Sept. 20 - 21.... please come Wed. pm if your schedule allows!

[Read More](#)



Governance and Leadership

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

The Policy and Procedures Manual has been updated and revised to reflect current policies. It will be posted on the OCS website. **Look for highlights in yellow.**

[Read More](#)

AESOP

SUBMIT NAMES, EMAILS, AND POSITIONS OF NEW STAFF AS WELL AS NAMES OF NON RETURNING STAFF FROM AESOP

to: eugeniageisel@seattlearch.org Please do so by September 4th.

[Read More](#)

STEPS FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Directives and steps to be followed when administering medications to students during the school day are located in the **Resource Library** on the new website: ["Authorization for Administration of Medications at School."](#)



Academic Excellence

TOOLS FOR THE CEL 5D+ IMPLEMENTATION

Please review this [facilitator's guide](#) for tools to help you implement the CEL 5D+ Rubric and Inquiry Cycle at your school. We recommend that you complete these sessions by the end of October.

E-WALK WEBINARS

Still want to learn more about how to use E-Walk to conduct classroom observations? [Sign up](#) for a webinar, or contact Kaitlyn directly.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN TOOLKIT WEBINARS

[The Pre-K and Kindergarten Toolkit](#) is now live and has a host of useful resources. If you'd like to learn more, [sign up for a video webinar](#). Teachers and principals are encouraged to participate in the webinar together. Toolkit committee members will also be hosting regional after-school meetings for teachers to review the toolkit together. Dates coming soon!

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall workshops will be here before we know it! Please make sure these dates are on your calendars.

[Read More](#)

GRACE SUMMER 2019 FORUM: SAVE THE DATE!

After surveying teachers and principals for preferred dates, we have identified **June 19-**

20th as the dates for next summer's GRACE forum. Please mark your calendars!

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

WHO: The 2018-2019 cohort of aspiring leaders

WHEN: Tuesday, October 9th 3:00pm-6:00pm

WHAT: Catholic School Culture

WHERE: Chancery (Orr Conference Room), 910 Marion Street, Seattle WA 98104

For more information about this meeting, contact Kelly Surapaneni at

KSurapaneni@fulcrumfoundation.org.

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION & MASTERS PROGRAMS

Are you or teachers in your school interested in pursuing a program in Educational Leadership?

We have a relationship with the following universities: **Creighton University (Omaha, NB)**, **Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)**, **University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN)**, **St. Martin's University (Lacey, WA)** and **Seattle University (Seattle, WA)**.

[Click here for the contact information for the universities we have cultivated a partnership with:](#)

[Read More](#)

ACCREDITATION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being on an accreditation team for either high school or elementary, we are taking registrations now. [Please register here](#). If you have questions, please email janeal.grosinger@seattlearch.org



Operational Vitality

E-RATE TASK FORCE

The E-Rate Task Force assisted 53 schools with E-Rate applications for discounted Internet service and we are looking forward to helping with 2019 applications. At least eight schools have requested support with filing 2019 E-Rate applications to fund classroom Wi-Fi network modernization projects.

[Read More](#)

TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND PLANNING

This summer the OCS technology task force visited several schools to collaborate with the planning, project coordination, design, and implementation of new school classroom Wi-Fi networks.



Fulcrum Foundation News

MUSIC RESOURCES

Need music resources for students aged 3 to 6 years? First Note might be just what you're looking for! A good friend of Fulcrum created First Note and many schools in the Archdiocese have used it over the years.

[Read More](#)



Chancery News

MISSIONS OFFICE NEWSLETTER

[September 2018 Good News Newsletter](#)

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC

Student Essay Contest-Please see [the flyer from Northwest Catholic magazine](#) regarding this year's student essay contest.

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