

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

October 22, 2018

OCTOBER 2018						
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[October - Principal Monthly TASK List](#)

Upcoming Events for October:

- 25 - [Principal Meeting](#)
- 29 - HS Learning Walk Cohort 1
- 30 - HS Learning Walk Cohort 2

[2018-2019 OCS Academic Calendar](#)



Message from the Superintendent

We are excited to host you for the All Principals' Meeting on Thursday, October 25 at St. Thomas in Tukwila. Attached please find the agenda. Registration at 8:00 a.m., Mass at 8:30 a.m. We thank Fr. Northrup for offering this liturgy for us!

You will notice that we have two sessions devoted to discussion regarding the McCleary Decision. To better prepare, we invite you to have a conversation with your teachers using the following questions:

1. What are your reasons for choosing to work in Catholic education?
2. What are your reasons for choosing to work here at "School X"?
3. What would make working here at "School X" a better experience for you?

4. What would make working in the Archdiocese of Seattle a better experience for you?

Teaching in a Catholic school is a vocation, and we should offer a just salary...but this is a daunting task given the current challenge. We want to retain our fabulous faith-filled teachers, and attract new and innovative instructional leaders to our work force. How to do this? We are hoping to let teachers know, through this discussion, that a committee is being formed from the Fulcrum Foundation to review the challenge, and come up with possible solutions that we can offer our wonderful educators. The committee will be comprised of various elementary and high school principals along with members of our Fulcrum Board. We share your concerns, and hope to offer some creative solutions through this effort hopefully by March 2019.

Noteworthy!



Many thanks to Principal Eve Ruiz and her Development Director, Jeanne Flohr, who together wrote a grant, and once accepted, prepared for the 300 plus volunteers who descended for a one-day blitz at St. Bernadette School! Read the story from the [Northwest Catholic](#) about the renovation project and how it came to be! Thank you to the Fulcrum Foundation for finding this grant opportunity for our schools.



And thanks to Matt Jordon, technology coordinator for St. Charles, Tacoma, who put together a terrific day of learning and community building for our Catholic school technology teachers and coordinators! Matt worked with Tom O'Callahan and the Instructional Technology Advisory Committee to find vendors to sponsor this terrific opportunity. Matt hopes that this day will inspire all to continue to network with one another. Thanks Matt!



Catholic Identity

CIC RETREATS ARE LAUNCHING!!!

Thank you for modeled the **CIC Retreat Mysteries – the Sequel Retreat** at the local level, Eugenia is tracking sign-in sheets and the surveymonkey evaluation /clock hour link. 23 schools have reported in so far! **GREAT!** To check your status, [click here](#).

4 CIC PRACTICE-MENTORING RETREAT DATES

For those school leaders who would like a bit more time with Susan Burdett and Sandy Smith to deepen the retreat content background and share coaching strategies as we grow into our CIC Retreat facilitating skills, please take a look at the dates-times and follow the surveymonkey links to register.

[Read More](#)

CIC LEVEL ONE OVERVIEW

[The CIC Level One Overview –Rollout](#) information is available to share with your faculty and staff. Please remember that Stacy Wendt, Online Platform Specialist, will be with us via GoToMeeting on October 25 for a Catholic Identity breakout session. Once we have presentation time, we will formally open up Symbolon registration and all online resources next week for Cohort One schools.

DL UPDATE: UNIFIED ROBOTICS SEASON - SPECIAL OLYMPICS WA

Unified Robotics Competitions are starting up shortly! Still time to register - by Nov. 2! As a reminder, it's VERY easy to start a team: 1. Recruit students with and without disabilities; 2. Identify an adult coach/mentor; 3. Pick a day/time to build each week or a one-day build; 4. Register your team; and 5. [Start building!!](#)

[Read More](#)

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Food Fast – Nov. 10-11, 2018 Missions Office: [CRS-Food Fast Hunger Awareness Experience](#)

World Youth Day in SEATTLE: Catholic Youth Convention is coming! [January 26-27, 2019 Lynnwood Convention Center](#)

Junior High Rally! Grades 6-9 March 9, 2019 TBA.



Governance and Leadership

STUDENT COMPLIANCE WITH IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

School Immunization Report Due by November 1st

[School Immunization Report](#)

It is state law that all schools – both public and private –are **required** to report by November 1st of each year!

- Compliance with the immunization requirements starts with the Certification of Immunization status (**CIS**) or Certificate of Exemption (**COE**)
- Parents **MUST** submit a CIS for each students documenting all required immunizations, or provided a copy of a lab test showing immunity to a disease.

- Must be filled out and signed by parent (not necessary to submit a new one every year).
- Students can be in a temporary conditional status for 30 days after the first day of attendance. Staff follow-up with these students is required until they are in compliance.
- Students still missing required immunizations after the 30 day conditional time frame are out of compliance and must be excluded from school.
- If parents want an exemption for required vaccines, they are required to submit a **COE**. (A health care provider is required to sign the exemption form for personal, religious or medical exemptions)
- Directions for completing and submitting the **Immunization Report** and further information can be found on the following website. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/SchoolStatusReporting>
- If there is a report of mumps in the school the Public Health Dept. declares that staff who have not been immunized must remain out of the school until the student (s) are cleared to return to school.



Academic Excellence

GRACE OCTOBER MEETINGS

The GRACE October teacher leader meetings were a great success! Review the [agenda](#) here. Review the [materials shared](#) here. We strongly recommend that principals set up a time to debrief the meeting with their teacher leaders to identify useful materials that can be implemented at each school. At this time, it would also be helpful to review the GRACE teacher leader [role description](#) provided by OCS and clarify roles and responsibilities.

TOOLS FOR TEACHER GOAL SETTING

Inquiry cycles using the CEL 5D+ Rubric are underway in many of our schools! As you help your teachers determine an instructional area of focus, please remember the [sample focus area](#), [area of focus teacher template](#), and [principal goal-tracker](#) provided by OCS. Remember that the [CEL Facilitator's Guide](#) provides useful resources for you to lead the goal-setting and inquiry cycle process at your schools. Four sessions and accompanying materials are provided.

LAST CALL FOR CEL TITLE IIA REGISTRATION

To date, 35 elementary and 76 high school educators have successfully contributed Title IIA funds towards our partnership with CEL this year. Your contributions towards this initiative makes our work with CEL possible. **The deadline to register for both initiatives is October 31st.** Please submit your Title IIA paperwork as soon as possible. Elementary administrators, [click here for instructions](#). High school administrators, contact

Kaitlyn O'Leary directly.

HS INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS UPCOMING MEETINGS

The cohort 1 meeting will take place at the OCS on October 29th. The cohort 2 meeting will take place at Bishop Blanchet HS on October 30th. [Click here for registration information](#). Please be sure that all teachers who will attend are registered.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

[Professional Development Worksheet](#): This year, we will be regularly updating this worksheet with excellent PD opportunities throughout Western Washington. We've organized this worksheet by region so it is easy for you to find PD near you! Click here to learn about upcoming PD. Our very own O'Dea High School will be presenting at [Tech Fest](#) in Puyallup. Be sure to check out this opportunity as well!

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](#)

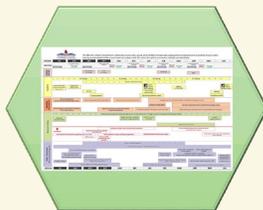
ACCREDITATION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

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

MATH GAMES FOR GRADE 8 - Saturday, October 27

Join the fun at Seattle Prep! Our host is Brian Meza.

<https://mycatholicschool.org/event/the-math-games-for-grade-8-seattle-prep-october-27-2018/>

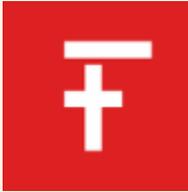


Operational Vitality

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE: ENROLLMENT & STAFF REPORT

The annual Enrollment and Staff report is due on November 15th. Please use your enrollment as of October 1st to complete this report. Please note that the State Board of Education is now the entity that controls this report, not OSPI. If you have questions about completing this report, or need a new EDS login, contact [Linda Drake](#) or [Parker](#)

[Teed](#) at the SBE. [Click here](#) to access the EDS system. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to complete the report.



Fulcrum Foundation News

FULCRUM DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Fulcrum's Diversity Committee would like to share some upcoming cultural competency/diversity trainings or resources for schools. Please note that any fees to attend these events are the responsibility of schools.

- Cultures Connecting: Activities for Facilitating Courageous Conversations – October 26, 2018 (<https://www.culturesconnecting.com/workshops>)
- NWAIS People of Color Conference – November 28 – December 1, 2018 (<https://pocc.nais.org/>)
- The College Board – A Dream Deferred – March 13-15, 2019 (<https://dreamdeferred.collegeboard.org/>)
- NW Teaching for Social Justice – October 20, 2018 (<https://nwtsj.org/wp/>)

FULCRUM SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

The application is now available. Applications must be submitted online by October 25, 2018, to be considered for funding. All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their grant in early January 2019.

[Read More](#)

FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (TAP)

The application is now available. Applications and all necessary documentation must be submitted online via FACTS Grant and Aid by no later than January 4, 2019, to be considered for Fulcrum funding. Additional information will be provided via email to all TAP Coordinators mid-September.

[Read More](#)

Questions about Fulcrum programs?

Contact Susan Ocoma, Fulcrum's Programs Director, at 206.748.7988 or susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org.

FULCRUM ADVANCEMENT WORKSHOPS

We are partnering with the Office for Catholic Schools to bring you some high quality professional development sessions. Please join us at any of the following:

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Chancery News

WA STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

[Please read this message from the Bishops of Washington State](#) on Initiative 1631

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