

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



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[October - Principal Monthly TASK List](#)

Upcoming Events for September:

25 - Executive Principal Meeting

Upcoming Events for October:

9- Leadership Academy Meeting

25 - Principal Meeting

[2018-2019 OCS Academic Calendar](#)



Message from the Superintendent

At this time in our Church, we can't emphasize enough the importance of the Catholic identity of our schools. Right now, in the history of our times, we need the bright light that our schools can be for the Church. At the same time, it is not enough that we are grounded in our Catholic faith. We strive to be academically excellent giving all our students the best opportunities for success in life, and the ability and desire to use their unique God-given talents to build the Kingdom...right here, right now. It's both/and proposition, Catholic identity and academics. One complements the other. It is the secret sauce in our schools.

As I reflect on our retreat this past week, your participation affirms the important role you

play as the faith leader of your school. Thank you for the faith witness you share with your community every day. Your ministry of care to the families and to the teachers gives me much needed hope...right here, right now.



Catholic Identity

CHRIST IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION RETREAT

Christ in the Classroom Foundation Retreat: THANK YOU for your participation in the CIC Leadership Retreat at Seabeck Conference Center last week. We give great thanks for the leadership from our **Executive Principals**, our Music companion, **Dr. Twi McDonell**, Bishop Blanchet High School, and for the retreat facilitation guided by **Father Ron Nuzzi**. THIS WEEK, please complete the **CIC Leadership Retreat SurveyMonkey Evaluation** at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X26FCBH> At the end of the CIC surveymonkey, you will find your clock hour certificate Please download, print, and sign and keep for your records. Thank you for being **“READY and WILLING to serve!”**

CHRIST IN THE CLASSROOM LOCAL RETREATS - October 12th

Susan Burdett, our CIC Consultant, and I are organizing ALL CIC Foundation Retreat materials into the suggested local format for the Archdiocesan CIC Retreat Day. We will send each school leader a **CIC Retreat email by Friday** with ALL directions, materials and guidance so you can prepare accordingly. Once you receive the CIC retreat materials, if questions, please contact Susan Burdett at susanrose.burdett@gmail.com or cell: 206-300-7404 or me, Sandra.smtih@seattlearch.org

CATHOLIC IDENTITY FOCUS STANDARDS

Our 2 Catholic Identity focus standards, **PRAYERS, SACRAMENTS and SACRAMENTALS** and **SIGNS, SYMBOLS and SACRAMENTS** indicators inventory can be easily accessed at <http://www.ocsw.org/files/uploads/16/2018-2019%20CI%20Standards%20Focus%20-%20WCEA.pdf>



Governance and Leadership

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

We continue to experience a shortage of substitute teachers available for schools. We do continue to get calls from teachers who wish to substitute in the Catholic schools and we direct them to **AESOP** to fill out the application and get registered for a Safe Environment workshop.

Some principals have shared with us some innovative strategies for finding qualified substitutesplease let us know, if you have a resource or idea that could help others.

- Through your parent newsletter some find former teachers among the parents (or grandparents) who could qualify for an emergency substitute certificate. They may be available only on a very limited basis, but could help occasionally.
- A notice in your parish bulletin may find some recently retired teachers, who would be willing to help on a limited basis.
- Ask your school parents to get the word out to their families and friends to give you a call if they were ever in the teaching profession, and would be interested in working occasionally.
- Be aware of the alternative certifications that may help you give information to possible teachers, coming from professions other than full time teaching.
- Be aware of the alternative certifications that help with teachers relocating from other states.

It is important to have a plan for how you will deal with substitute shortages in an emergency. Staff members and parents need to be informed that in an emergency, classes may be disrupted, deleted or even combined with another class to get coverage for the day.

These are certification options listed on OSPI. www.k12.wa.us/certification



Academic Excellence

IMPACT OF MCCLEARY ON TITLE SERVICES

Increased teacher salaries in light of the McCleary decision may impact Title I, Title III, and Special Education services. As you finalize services for your students this year, remember to ask your public school districts the hourly rate of pay for the teachers providing these services. If rates have significantly increased, remember that you have the right to request third party services with an outside provider. In many cases, this could be a better option and allow students to receive more services. If you'd like help navigating these discussions, feel free to reach out to Kaitlyn O'Leary!

CEL 5D+ IMPLEMENTATION

CEL Training Registration

Registration for training with the CEL using Title IIA funds is now open. [Click here to register by September 28th.](#)

Implementation Materials

[The CEL 5D Facilitators Guide](#) is available to help principals implement this new framework in their schools.

GRACE

October Teacher Leader Meetings

[Registration is open](#) for the GRACE fall teacher leader workshops. Please ask your teacher leaders to register by September 28th.

GRACE Grants

Mini grants are available to help schools offset sub costs so that their teacher leaders can fully participate in this year's GRACE meetings. [Click here to apply](#) for a mini grant of up to \$750 by September 28th.

Pre-Kingergarten Licensing

Are you interested in licensing your Pre-K program so that you can offer Pre-K programs for more than 4 hours each day? If interested, please reach out to me directly. Now is the time to start planning for 2019- 2020 licensing, as the process typically take a full year to complete.

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.

For each of the Leadership Academy meetings, you will need to register so that we can administer the clock hours certificate. Click here to register:

<https://mycatholicsschool.org/2018/08/23/leadership-academy-meeting-october-9-2018/>

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

DATA VISUALIZATIONS FOR YOU

Need help summarizing your MAP data? The following visualizations will help you summarize and disaggregate your school data beyond the official MAP Growth reports: [Read More](#)

PLEASE REGISTER FOR A FALL MAP WORKSHOP

Need help using MAP data to inform instruction? Please mark your calendar and register for a one of the following half-day workshops coming in October:

- Oct 15, 8:30 - 11:30 AM, St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma
- Oct 15, 12:30 - 3:30 PM, St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma
- Oct 16, 8:30 - 11:30 AM, Holy Rosary, Edmonds
- Oct 16, 12:30 - 3:30 PM, Holy Rosary, Edmonds

These workshops are open to all. Principals and teachers new to MAP are especially encouraged to attend.

To register, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Kaitlyn O'Leary](#) (206-274-7655) or [Jack Huber](#) (206-382-4855).

MATH GAMES FOR GRADE 8 - Saturday, October 27

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

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



Operational Vitality

E-RATE TASK FORCE

The 2018-19 school year E-Rate decision letters are now being processed by Comcast and the other Internet providers. Several schools have received letters indicating there needs to be a change in their internet bill to match the E-Rate 471 application. If you receive a letter with "471 Discrepancies" in the subject, take no action and please forward it immediately to your E-Rate consultant. There are several situations which generate such a letter and each must be corrected individually.

CSED EDITORS:

While we are in transition with 2 websites, the **CSED Database** lives in **MyDesk**. Please help us accurately reflect your faculty and staff at your school by updating the Catholic School Employees Database. New teachers? New staff? Put them into the system so we can ensure they receive accurate communication from the OCS. Need help? [CSED](#)

[Tutorial](#) or email: Eugenia.geisel@seattlearch.org

AVAILABLE ITEMS FROM SCHOOLS

- Per Kent Hickey, President. Seattle Prep has about 10,000 square feet in used carpet squares available which they would like to donate to any interested Catholic school. These carpet squares are used to cover gym floors for protection when there are events like auctions being held. If interested, please contact directly: John O'Neil, Director of Facilities at jroneil@seaprep.org or 206-577-2129.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School has 5 PreK/K tables that are available. If you are interested, please contact Anton Kramer at akramer@gudalupe-school.org [Picture 1](#) [Picture 2](#)



Fulcrum Foundation News

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 will be available October 1, 2018. 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

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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