

# Catholic School Update

## September 14, 2018

### Ephphatha - "Be Open"

In this past Sunday's gospel Jesus healed the deaf man saying "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" Jesus speaks in this same way to us today--to be open to what is before us.

Lord, open my ears that, I may hear your voice,  
Open my eyes, that I may see your face,  
And open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

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Dean Gerondale  
Financial Planning Director

Lori Paul  
Director of Advancement

### Welcome to our New staff members

We would like to welcome [Dean Gerondale](#) and [Lori Paul](#). Dean is the Financial Planning Director for the Office of Catholic Schools and Lori is the Director of Advancement for Catholic Schools. Both Dean and Lori bring a wealth of experience in their fields and a passion for the mission of Catholic schools. They have already reached out to many of you and are excited to visit in person.

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### Diocesan All Schools Mass - October 12, 2018

Dear Administrators,  
Bishop Ricken and DASA Central invite Diocesan school representatives to this year's Diocesan All-Schools' Mass on Friday, October 12, 2018. Held at Holy Spirit Church in Kimberly ([600 E. Kimberly Avenue, Kimberly WI 54136](#)), our celebration of the Eucharist will begin at 10:00 AM.

In preparation there are several fundamental items that we need to take care of immediately in order for our gathering to be successful:

- It is our hope that every school will be represented. With limited space, individual schools will be allowed at most 10 representatives if your school is less than 200 students and at most 20 representatives if your school is more than 200 students. Representatives include school or parish priests, teachers, students, chaperones, etc.

- Building principals, please invite your school or parish priest(s) they do not need to be included in the school's registered total count.
- The [RSVP, in Google Form format, must be returned by 3:00 PM on Friday, September 28, 2018](#). Schools that will not be able to join us must fill out the RSVP and place the digit zero in for the number of participants. Thank you for your help in this.

It is important that you have the following information available for the RSVP:

- Number of representatives (at most 10 for schools less than 200 students and at most 20 for school with more than 200 students; includes the priest, adults, and students)
- Number of buses and/or cars used for transporting your representatives
- Whether or not your priest(s) will be in attendance and whether they will be co-celebrating

Please note that lunch will not be provided. Should your representatives need to eat their lunches before returning to school, they are welcome to eat their lunch at a nearby park, or on the bus.

DASA Central is requesting that all schools bring a bag or box of canned or non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry within DASA central.

Specific details about Mass, parking, and lunch will be coming forth soon. We are unquestionably excited about our celebration and are energized by the thought of 55 schools gathering to praise our Lord! See you October 12!

Blessings,  
2018-2019 All-Diocesan Schools' Mass Committee, DASA Central

[Register here by Sept. 28th](#)

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## Kohl Scholarships

[Nominate Teachers](#) - Nominations by October 8 - Applications due November 25

High School Students - Application Deadline - November 25, 2018 - extremely important to get the emails to the people writing recommendations by the beginning of November in order that they have time to complete.

[Principals/Administrator](#) - Nominations by October 8 - Applications due December 2.

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## **Educator License Update**

DPI has been working over the summer on the process of how teachers who hold a provisional license can move to a life license. [Here is the link](#) to the DPI website for further information and application process.

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## **World Mission Month - Sunday October 21 is the DAY!**

World Mission Sunday is a day we recommit ourselves to our common vocation through Baptism, to be missionary disciples.

There are lots of ways to observe World Missions month. The Catholic Foundation's office of [World Mission](#) provides a variety of resources for use in the classroom and/or parish, including information about:

- Diocesan Rosary Project
- Shipping Container Project (medical supplies)

Please join us and raise up your voices this World Mission Sunday by supporting the Priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service and share the Gospel all over the world.

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## **Submit your essay by December 10, 2018**

[Link to English flyer](#)

[Link to Spanish flyer](#)

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## **Honor Educators by Inviting Them to Mass**

Jubilee Mass for Catholic Educators (Public, Parochial, & Homeschool)

**October 7, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m.**

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

[Click Here to Request Tickets](#)

## Newly Hired Teachers

Many thanks to the solicitous principals who had your new teachers attend the New Teachers In-service on August 14 or 16, even if they had been hired the previous day. Hats off to St. Mary High School for hosting on August 14! The teachers have acknowledged the value of the day to help them understand their role as a Catholic school teacher in the Diocese of Green Bay. If your teachers were not able to attend or were hired after the in-service days, please register below for the remaining in-service on September 19, 1:00-3:00 pm, Room 39 in Bona Hall. All teachers new to the diocese as a Catholic school teacher are expected to attend an in-service. ***Please note that we do not conduct the VIRTUS training at this session because all educators need to have VIRTUS training before they begin teaching in the classroom.***

New Teacher Registration

## New Teacher Schools of Disciples Faith Integration Workshop (Methods B)

Teachers new to the diocese and to Catholic school are invited to participate in our Schools of Discipleship, Faith Integration Workshops (Methods B). The workshop is open to all educators, who have not had Methods B, on September 27 and March 18 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. In the past we had three sessions which included assistance with PDP and licensing. We no longer need that portion. However, we believe it is critical for all our new teachers to have the opportunity to learn strategies to immerse their curriculum in Catholic faith and to gather with other new teachers to share experiences. Please register your new teachers.

Methods B Registration

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## Wisconsin Immunization Law: Update

The state will no longer be sending immunization compliance forms and reminders to schools via US mail.

Instead, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is making the information available in a booklet that includes all the forms, a flowchart for what to do in fulfilling your duties related to documenting student immunization information, and FAQs for parents to get them to comply with having their child immunized and sharing the documentation with the school.

To understand private school obligations about collecting student immunization data, see page 43 of the WCRIS 2018-19 Legal Handbook. Every school received a free copy by mail in May. (Additional copies are available [here](#) for members for \$50.)

Private schools should use the [DHS booklet](#), which is available as a PDF, To actually follow the immunization law. It provides all the information schools formerly received via the mail from DHS at the beginning of the school year.

Private schools are not subject to FERPA, so the handbook has a special form (see pp. 31-32) to report parent non-compliance to the Wisconsin District Attorney.

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## WCRIS

**Please be sure to read the “Current Events” and visit the WCRIS website.**

**School Safety Grant** - The second round of the school safety grant focused more on training than hardware. Information is provided below about School Violence Threat Assessment Team Training and Adolescent Mental Health Training being offered through CESA 7. We were informed that we would be able to apply to offer the training for the Diocese, however, we would need to have a school that had applied for the second round grant apply to host the meeting. Alex Wolf at St. Anthony in Oconto Falls is willing to help with that application process. We will keep you informed if we are approved and get a date.

**Trauma Informed Training Guide** - Please visit the WCRIS website to get your guide. WCRIS personnel have taken the 12-15 hour course videos and condensed them to 3 hours.

**School Choice Handbook** - navigating Choice program. WCRIS personnel have been working on a guide for Choice. They are hoping to have it completed by the end of September. There will be a cost of \$50.00.

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## School Safety

“The only way to prevent an attack is engagement with students and having personal knowledge of students and families.” (Glenn Rehberg, Wisconsin Dept. of Justice)

### **School Violence Threat Assessment Team training**

Whether you applied for the second round of the School Safety Grant or not, this training is available to all schools free of charge.

The School Violence Threat Assessment Team course is for school administrators, counselors, security personnel and SRO/ERO's. This course will explain who should be part of the threat assessment team, the intent behind threat assessment tools such as the Violence Risk Assessment, how to assess the risk level associated with a threat, and how to determine the appropriate response to a specific threat. Attendees will complete table top exercises and evaluate their own policies. Attendees are encouraged to bring the threat assessment tool used in their school district and their school district's policy regarding threats of violence to the training. This is an eight hour course delivered by school administrators and law enforcement officers. Attendance is restricted to school employees and law enforcement officers.

October 9, 2018

CESA 7, Green Bay

<http://www.cvent.com/d/2gq6jv>

### **Adolescent Mental Health training**

There is a fee for this course. If you received a second round grant, the course qualifies for a grant resources. The cost is \$180. This course comes highly recommended.

The Adolescent Mental Health training curriculum was created by the [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#). This 12-hour course includes information on developmentally appropriate behavior vs. mental illness, symptoms of specific diagnosis, trauma informed practices, de-escalation techniques, engaging parents in the process, and a community service provider discussion panel. Attendance is restricted to school employees and law enforcement officers.

October 22-23, 2018

CESA 7, Green Bay

<https://www.nasro.org/events/?event-id=828>

### **Self Defense Training**

Daniel Williams, Master instructor of Tae Kwon Do is willing to teach your staff some basic and important self defense procedures. He instructs for two hours on how to protect from an attacker. There was no information on the cost. His information is Daniel Williams (920) 819-9850 [wmstkd@gmail.com](mailto:wmstkd@gmail.com)

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## **Safe Environment Updates**

### **Safe Environment Lesson Plans**

In September 2016, the Diocese of Green Bay subscribed to VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> for the following VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Lesson Plans to provide a consistent Safe Environment foundation for our children. It is the shared responsibility of parents, teachers, and catechists to give our children the awareness and tools they need to

overcome anyone who intends to harm them. *It is an expectation that all Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs use the [VIRTUS Lesson plans](#). We typically suggest the three months that these lessons are taught and fit with other curriculum; October - Respect Life Month, January - Respect for All People and Immigration Month, April - Abuse Awareness Month.*

### **Maintaining Safe Environment Decree and Policy Update**

[Maintaining SE Decree and Policy Update](#)

### **Safe Environment Programs Update**

[SE Programs Update](#)

[Safe Environment Reminders for Faith Formation Programs](#)

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## **Accreditation Teams**

We are still looking to fill our teams with great educators. If you have a teacher or perhaps a teacher who has retired, please let us know by September 21.

October 23-25 St. John Bosco, Sturgeon Bay - 1 person

October 23-25 St. Mary, Hilbert - 1 person

November 5-6 Fr. Allouez School, Green Bay - 3 people

November 5-7 Notre Dame - De Pere - 1 person

November 7-8 Our Lady of Lourdes - De Pere - 1 person

November 8-9 Holy Family - Green Bay - 1 person

November 7-9 St. Bernard - Green Bay - 1 person

November 13-15 St. Thomas Aquinas - Marinette/Peshtigo- 1 person

December 11-13 St. Mary-St Michael - Clarks Mills - 1 person

Thank you for your help.

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### **Discipleship Kerygma activity with youth -**

[Poster](#) - [Card](#)

Some people asked for the bracelet kerygma activity. Feel free to be creative in teaching the elements of the kerygma in your classroom. The activity is adaptable to all ages.

[Discipleship Resources](#)

The content resources used on August 10 and 24 are available for your use.