

Catholic School Update

August 24, 2018

Dear Lady of Good Help, you revealed yourself as the Queen of Heaven to your servant Adele. You called Adele to holiness and to bring children to Jesus and you call me today to live a holy life and serve God's children and parents in our school. In this new school year, I pray for your help in forming disciples of your Son, Jesus in an atmosphere illumed by the Gospel message. Amen.

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](#)



Families and Discipleship

Feel free to download or attach the following [Discipleship reference for Parents](#) written by Julianne. It is a nice document to help parents put some simple practices into their family routines. There is also a document for children [“A Disciple is Someone Who:”](#)



Some of our schools continue to look for great teachers to fill positions. If you know of anyone, who might be a good fit, please contact:

Middle School Math - St. Mary, Algoma - Margaret Hall mhall@smsalgoma.com

Kindergarten - St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute - Kevin Flottmeyer kflottmeyer@stjn.org

Spanish - many schools - contact Jane Schueller - jschueller@gbdioc.org

4K (PT) Chilton Area Catholic Schools - Liz Rollmann - lrollmann@chiltonareacatholic.org



Welcome New Principals and President!

We welcome and offer our prayers and support to our new administrators:

Molly Mares Notre Dame School - De Pere

Steven Gromala Holy Family School - Green Bay

Scott Vanderloop St. Nicholas School - Freedom

Alena Tapelt St. Francis Xavier Elementary - McDonald St. - Appleton

Marie Gorman Most Precious Blood - New London

Drew Hicks Associate - Lourdes Academy Middle/High School - Oshkosh

Peter Post Associate - St. Mary Catholic Schools - Neenah

Patti Fouts St. Mary Catholic High School - Neenah

We look forward to working with each of you!

Administrator Changes:

Mike Zuleger Holy Spirit - Darboy/Kimberly

Jill Ahles St. Mary Catholic Middle School - Neenah

Sandra Piotrowski St. Mary Elementary School - Neenah
David Mikesell Lourdes Academy - Middle/High School - Oshkosh

We would also like to extend a welcome to 60 new teachers who have been called to share their gifts in helping children grow closer to God.

Update from Superintendent

On Friday, August 31st, 2018 the next Video *Update from the Superintendent* will be live at 9:00. AM. The topic of conversation will be about the WRISA Annual Review. Use the following link: <https://sites.google.com/ed-gbd.org/updatesfromthesuperintendent/home> just click the play button at 9:00 AM to join & don't forget to log into the [chat room](#) to ask any burning questions that you may have!



Accreditation Team Help!

If you had a teacher retire last year and would like to provide us with some contact information, we would be happy to invite them to assist us.

Catholic Relief Services

Register now to meet with CRS Representatives to discuss how CRS programming can enhance your school and parish efforts in discipleship, talk about current social concerns and collaborate with your neighbors.

Register for one of the following three events:

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Neenah - Tuesday, Sept 11th - 8:30 - Noon

St. Mary of the Lake, Lakewood - Wednesday, Sept 12th - 9:00 - 12:30

Ss. Edward & Isidore, Flintville (Green Bay) - Thursday, Sept 13th - 9:00 - 12:30 (Ss. Edward & Isidore have morning Mass at 8:30)

Please click on one of the links above to register or go to <http://www.gbdioc.org/catholic-charities-portal/catholic-social-justice-coordinator.html>

Questions? Contact Eric Weydt at 920-272-8344 or eweydt@gbdioc.org

For registration questions, or to register, contact Theresa McKenna at tmckenna@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8291.



Herb Kohl educational foundation

Kohl Foundation Nominations

The Kohl Foundation is now accepting nominations for the Teacher Fellowship Award. [Nominate an outstanding teacher.](#)

Principal Professional Goals



Principals in the systems will complete professional goals according to the plan of the system. All parish schools will complete this **professional goals form** and submit it electronically to **Todd Blahnik** or **Jane Schueller** by September 30. The **self-assessment** may be helpful in considering your professional goals.

Principal Performance Review

Principals in the systems will complete a professional performance review according to the plan of the system with a verification of completion form sent to Jane Schueller by April 15, 2018.



Principals in parish school will complete a **professional performance review process** with the Pastor/Pastoral Leader, Diocesan Representative, and Principal. Pastor/Pastoral Leader submits a verification of completion form to Todd Blahnik or Jane Schueller by April 15, 2018.



Diocesan Library Media Association (DLMA)

Sept. 27, 2018 4:30-6:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Middle & High School Campus, 1200 Main Street, Marinette, WI 54143.

This will be a sharing session. Meet and greet any new and previous friends. Please bring things to share: thoughts on the start of the school year, good books suggestions, book repair tools and methods, questions, and things you couldn't live without. Bring snacks to share.

MAP News

Fall window is September 5 - October 26.

Fluency Assessment (email 8/14/18)

New Features (email 8/16/18)

Just like your students, MAP® Growth™ is growing too. In this email, you'll find a few updates to MAP Growth that are available now and a few coming later this fall.



Since you may be the only recipient of this email within your district, we encourage you to forward this to teachers and others who might benefit from this information. You'll find this, as well as past partner updates, available in **our online Community**.

The top 4 changes proctors need to know about for fall:

The school proctor role has changed; school proctors can no longer see other school proctors' test sessions. Tests that have 30% or more items rapid-guessed will be marked invalid. **Learn how to prevent this from happening**

Students taking MAP Growth (not MAP Growth K-2) have four new tools on the toolbar. The Student Practice Tests will update before fall testing so students can practice taking the assessment with these changes. Learn more about practice tests in the user community **here**. The changes to the toolbar are:

- Zoom
- A digital notepad
- The ability to eliminate answer options
- A line reader to make it easier for students to track a line of text
- Proctors have the ability to configure what parts of an item will be read aloud when Text to Speech is used.

Student Profile will be easier to access

Beginning August 18, there will now be another way to access the Student Profile Report. For students rostered to the current term, you can now use the Student Quick Search by simply typing in the student's name or student ID into the Student Quick search, found on the MAP Growth Reports page.

New high school science assessments available August 24

Look for the following new science assessments to support high school instruction:

- We've extended MAP Growth Science for use with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) to grades 9–12
- We've added a Life Sciences assessment for grades 9–12. This assessment covers biology content and can be used to track achievement and growth for students taking biology courses.

Learn more about MAP Growth Science for use with NGSS in our FAQ [here](#).

Class and grade reports will begin showing reasons for test invalidations

Effective August 18, the Class and Grade reports will explain why any test was invalidated. You can find out more about invalidated tests [here](#).

New and improved Lexile linking study

Our new Lexile® linking study (effective August 18) improves the precision and range of our linkage to the Lexile scale. Important changes with this update include improvements to the Lexile measure over the years and an updated method for linking to the Lexile scale.

Changes to the Lexile measure: Previously, the Lexile scale started at 0. Based on this, NWEA® reported all Lexile scores below 100 as BR for beginning readers. Since then, the Lexile scale has extended below 0 down to -400 (reported as BR400L). Our new Lexile linking study enables us to report Lexile scores all the way down to BR400L and to report scores 0 to 100 as 0L to 100L (instead of as BR), reflecting the current Lexile scale.

Past fall test events from July 23, 2018 to August 17, 2018 will begin using the new Lexile linking study on reports beginning August 18. You will see the new Lexile reflected for these test events by re-generating reports for those dates beginning August 18.

Learn more about how this will affect reporting and Lexile scores [here](#).

New Quantile linking study

This new online resource makes it possible to find the quantile for a MAP Growth math RIT score. The Quantile® Framework for Mathematics can be used to find resources for individualized mathematics instruction.

New to MAP Spanish

We're expanding our suite of Spanish assessments to include the following new tests this fall:

- Spanish MAP Growth Math for grades K–2 (in addition to the 2–8 tests already available)
- Spanish Reading Screener for grades K–1 (in addition to the 2–8 tests already available)
- A pilot of Spanish MAP Growth Reading for grades K–2 and 2–5. Contact your Account Manager to learn more about this exciting new pilot!

Webinars Help Prepare for MAP Testing this fall

MAP Growth: Proctoring Made Simple:

Need a refresher course on how to proctor a MAP Growth assessment? Have you never used MAP before? This webinar covers the basics of managing a test session to get you started after a break or for first time proctors.

MAP Growth: Proctoring Tips and Tricks:

Is your student having difficulty finding her name in the dropdown menu? Did your student's testing device lose power during the test? This webinar will provide tips and tricks to quickly address common issues proctors may face during MAP Growth Testing.

MAP Growth Tech Talk: Network, Lab, and Work Station Readiness:

If your role is to get computers and the system ready for administering the MAP Growth assessment, this webinar will help in making sure you are prepared for this coming test season.

These recorded webinars are available in [our video library in the Community](#).

We're here when you need us—contact Partner Support online

Need help? If the issue you're experiencing isn't urgent, consider submitting your question [through our online form in the NWEA Connection community](#). You'll receive a response within 24 hours from one of our helpful Partner Support representatives.