



Catholic School Update April 27, 2018



April was Child Abuse Awareness Month. We hope that many of you were able to have your teachers complete their third safe environment lesson. If not, please be sure to do it in the next couple weeks to be in compliance with the Bishops' Charter for Protecting Children. You can find materials [here](#).

Discipline with Purpose Basic Training Workshop - August 22, Hosted at Roncalli

We continue to hear from employers that people do not have the "soft skills" necessary for the workplace and beyond. DWP is a program that focuses on skills necessary for life.

Discipline with Purpose is a nationally recognized program designed to teach students in Kindergarten through 8th grade the most important skills they can learn – skills of self-discipline. In this workshop participants learn to distinguish actions that require disciplinary consequences from those that indicate self-discipline skills are missing. They learn about the 4 skills of discipline and how they fit into the wider framework of 15 self-discipline skills. They review field tested lesson plans and discover four ways to teach the 15 skills. They build action plans that are realistic and practical and can be used immediately. ([click the link for registration materials](#))





Textbooks

Jane Schueller had [a list](#) from 2016. If you are on the list and would like to update your materials that would be great. Anyone can add to the list or send Jane a separate list and she will add.

Educator Resources

[WISELearn](#) provides a centralized location for connecting Wisconsin educators and sharing classroom and professional learning resources. This free site brings Wisconsin content to one easy to search spot.



New Law Gives Sales Tax Holiday for School Supplies & Sales Tax Rebate for School Kids *Pass along to parents*



Gov. Walker signed into law on April 17 a bill that with his veto power creates a five-day holiday from sales taxes for back-to-school shoppers. The tax holiday will be August 1 to 5. It will waive taxes for school supplies and pieces of clothing that cost

less than \$75, on computers costing no more than \$750 and on computer supplies that cost no more than \$250. Consumers will save between 5% and 5.5% in sales tax, depending on the county in which they live. Retailers will not charge sales tax on qualified items.

The bill also provided families with a sales tax rebate of \$100 per school-age child for sales taxes paid in 2017. The rebate will be available to all guardians of children who are under the age of 18 throughout 2017, and not just biological parents. Families will be able to apply for the rebate beginning on May 15 through an online application with the Department of Revenue. The application deadline is June 30.

For more information, folks can visit this [web posting](#) by a leading accounting

firm.

Digital Learning Professional Development



[USM Summer Spark](#) -University School- Milwaukee June 11-12

[Code.org Computer Science Discoveries \(CSD\)](#) @ NWTC
June 24-27

[ISTE](#) - Chicago June 24-27

[Google for Education Technical Conference 2018](#) July 16-17

[SITA](#) July 31-Aug 2

[MWGS Fall](#) - November 5th & 6th

[WEMTA 2019](#) - March 31-April 2, 2019

School Safety Grant App Now Open



The Department of Justice Office of School Safety has launched its application process for the \$100 million in school safety grants approved by the Governor last month. As you begin the application process, there are some things to consider to ensure your school's participation:

- The deadline for the application is June 8, 2018.
 - Read the 21-page [document](#) that describes the application process.
 - The grant application must be done online through the E-Grant portal. A link to the DOJ E-Grant site can be found [here](#).
 - To be considered for the funding, applicants must provide their staff with a minimum of 3 hours combined training in Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Care/Trauma Sensitive Schools before the end of the 2018-2019 school year or provide the DOJ evidence that the staff has already completed the required training. You can use the grant to fund the training or contact the DPI for information about free training.
 - The grant has to be submitted by the governing body of the school.
- WCRIS staff is actively involved with the Department of Justice about the grant process and will keep you updated via Current Events and the [WCRIS website](#).

Catholic Schools Celebration

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Catholic Schools Bishop's Mass.

When: October 12, 2018

Where: Holy Spirit Catholic School, Kimberly will host. Sponsored by Central DASA group.

Time: Plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. so Mass may begin on time at 10:00 a.m.



Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt)



Prior to using MAP as the Diocesan standardized assessment we used the IOWA Test of Basic Skills and Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt). Since moving to MAP we have been having conversation with

Houghton Mifflin regarding the availability of CogAt for any school that would like to use it in the future. It is a different assessment than both IOWA and MAP in that it assesses a student's strengths and weaknesses in Verbal, Quantitative and Non-Verbal areas. This assessment can provide valuable data in critical thinking skills. It is not a replacement for MAP but a supplemental assessment. If you would like to learn more about this assessment feel free to contact me. There is a [webinar](#) sponsored by NCEA featuring CogAT: Adapting Instruction for All Students: Getting the Most from your CogAT scores on May 17 at 10:00 CST.

Last Call

If you have a retiring teacher or staff member after **30+** years of service in education, [please submit](#) name, position, school from which person is retiring and years of service. We will prepare a recognition letter from the Bishop for these individuals. Deadline is **May 15**. Thanks for your attention to this matter.





Diocesan Library Media Association

The last meeting for this year for our Library Media specialists and other interested personnel, is May 3, 2018 4:30-6:00 pm at Good Company Restaurant, 110 N. Richmond St., Appleton, WI 54912. End of the year wrap-up and planning for 2018-2019. Please respond to Mary Ellen Fisher if you will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!
Mary
Ellen: mfisher@xaviercatholicschools.org

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The Secondary Schools Academy



The Secondary Schools Academy, offered through Saint Louis University, is a national professional development program for current and aspiring presidents, heads of school and principals at Catholic secondary schools.

This blended learning leadership academy, developed in collaboration with the leading Catholic education associations, will explore the most relevant topics and opportunities centered around the challenges facing Catholic school leaders today. [Click here](#) for more details.

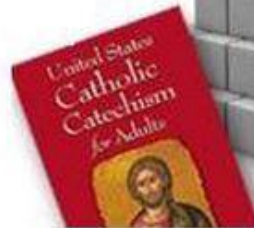
Coming This Summer!

Foundational Catechesis Components and Ongoing Formation

**Open to any adult who would like to
deepen their faith. No charge to attend!**

FCC: Bible (Green Bay & Manitowoc)
Morality (Green Bay)

Ongoing Formation:
Theology of the Body (Green Bay)



[Link to Schedule](#)

[Link to Registration](#)



Discipleship Formation I

August 10, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier High School
August 24, 2018 at Norte Dame Academy

Please register the number of teachers, staff, and administrators for attendance at each of the Discipleship Formation I workshops. Administrators who attended the session at Silver Lake College last August do not need to attend this August but are welcome to join your school members if you wish. Preliminary registration for planning purposes is [here](#). Please complete by May 31. We may ask you during July to provide the names of all attendees for each session so we know the intentions of your

school members.



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