



Office of the Superintendent



Weekly Update

December 5, 2016

Welcome back!

Blessed Monday! Here are this week's announcements and reminders:

High School Placement Test Reminder

One date remains for the HSPT - **Saturday, December 10**. Registration is available online at Baltimore.stsusers.com, up until Thursday at midnight before the testing date. Keep in mind that if students miss the online registration deadline, they may walk in the day of the test and register at that time. Please contact Laura Mooney with any questions at laura.mooney@archbalt.org.

Aging Schools Grant

All Archdiocese of Baltimore schools are expected to file for this grant. Please note the deadline to file is **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. After you have filed make sure to use the Google Docs link below to record your grant information.

The procedures for the fiscal 2017 Nonpublic Aging Schools Program are now available at the Public School Construction Program (PSCP) website:

<http://www.pscp.state.md.us/programs/NonPubASP/nonpubaspindex.cfm>

Applications are now being accepted at: <https://agingschools.msde.maryland.gov>

The approval and funding criteria are similar to last year's program, but I encourage you to read the new procedures thoroughly before applying. The Grant Assurances statement has been modified.

The applications will be submitted online. Schools that have participated in the program previously should find themselves already listed in the database. Schools new to the program will be able to enter their data and apply. The application requires you to complete two forms before applying - the Building Age Worksheet and the Grant Assurances. These documents can be downloaded from both the application itself and the PSCP website. Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2016. The earliest date grant allocations will be announced is March 15, 2017. Schools will have until June 30, 2018 to have the construction work under contract.

Please call or email me if you have questions. You may also contact Jamie Klarman, Nonpublic Schools Program coordinator, at james.klarman@maryland.gov or 410-767-0141.

Google Docs Link

Please use the link below to input your information (School, project and amount requested) for the Aging Schools Grant.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15FDpTSFccGjKrl8ydlI2Cj0TouwUAITT4haJEt8A62oU/edit#gid=0>

High School Placement Test

Each elementary school principal was sent a list of students who were currently registered to take the HSPT. These lists contained each student's selections regarding which high schools they would like their scores and records sent to. Schools will receive another list after the last test date on December 10, but we wanted to give schools the opportunity to begin working on this. Remember that students may change their preferences up until Thursday at midnight before the test, so elementary schools will want to compare the new list sent next month with this month's list to be sure each school has accurate information. Please contact Laura Mooney with any questions at laura.mooney@archbalt.org.

Loyola Men's Basketball: Catholic Schools Day

On **Friday, December 23, 2016**, Loyola University Men's Basketball team will be hosting a Catholic Schools Day for their 1:00 p.m. game against the UMass Lowell River Hawks. Students wearing their school's gear will receive free admission with an accompanying adult. Tickets for adults and additional family members will be \$3.00 each. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Thought for the Week

*Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



December 10, 2016 High School Placement Testing
December 22, 2016 - January 2, 2017 CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 11, 2017 Elementary School Counselors Meeting
January 12, 2017 AoB Leadership Meeting