



OFFICE OF
Catholic Schools
Diocese of Arlington

An electronic news-flash from the Office of Catholic Schools

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Over 17,000 Students Back to School!

This week, the schools of the Diocese of Arlington opened their doors and began the 2010-2011 academic year. Teachers and administrators have been working hard to prepare their schools for their students; let me fill you in on a few of the new initiatives and new faces in our schools this year.

Development Initiative for Elementary Schools: Several elementary schools in the diocese are exploring a new stewardship model. Aimed at staving off “fundraising fatigue,” this approach looks to engage more people in the mission of the school through an annual fund process. The Office of Catholic Schools is directing the initiative, which is guided by a consultant relationship with ISPD (Institute of School and Parish Development), a longstanding leader in Catholic school advancement.



Students at Holy Cross Academy

Online Courses offered by Paul VI High School: Online courses will be open to all the Catholic high-school students. There will be classes in genetics and microbiology. A recent Arlington Catholic Herald article states, “in addition to covering advanced concepts and technologies while still in high school, the self-paced nature and flexibility of the courses are a benefit to offering these hybrid classes.” What a great way to offer our students something old in a new way!

New Faces: Also, don’t forget to read the Herald article about our five new principals and one new president who will be joining the school communities of Corpus Christi School, St. John the Evangelist School, Queen of Apostles School, St. William of York School, Siena Academy and Bishop Denis J. O’Connell High School.

I wish all the students of the Diocese of Arlington a happy and healthy 2010-2011 academic year. And I pray for our teachers and administrators as they undertake task of educating our students to prepare them to be tomorrow’s leaders, growing ever closer to Christ along the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Bernadette McManigal, BVM
Superintendent of Schools

*Growing in
Wisdom, Age
and Grace*

“We have received the gift of baptism and share in the responsibility to fulfill Christ’s final command to “go out and teach” (cf. Mt. 28:19). Our schools are a vital part of this evangelization among educators, students, parents, and our wider communities.”

*~Bishop Paul S. Loverde
A Pastoral Letter on
Catholic Schools*

Office of Catholic Schools

200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 503,
Arlington, Virginia 22044
703.841.2519

catholicsschools@arlingtondiocese.org
www.arlingtondiocese.org