



MSA TODAY

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Issue 2

Did you get these tasks done in August?

Administrators:

1. Have the diocesan mission statement, belief statement and profile of the graduate placed on the school/system's website
2. Place those documents in a few general locations around the school
3. Hold a School-level Planning Team meeting to begin work on self-study review process; keeping documentation, such as sign-in, agenda and minutes

All Employees:

1. Become familiar with the diocesan mission statement, belief statement and profile of the graduate
2. Assist students in knowing and understanding the school's mission statement, in an age appropriate manner



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What do you need to do in September?

Administrators:

1. Complete the September Action Items by October 4th
2. Have your Internal Coordinator attend the meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 2:30pm



Three goals set for the 7-year Plan for Growth and Improvement:

System Student Performance Objective #1: Mathematics

By 2027, each school's Mathematics program will be at a level where students are making at minimum one year's worth of growth or be at benchmark for their grade level.

System Organizational Capacity Objective #1: Assessments

By 2027, there will be a culture in all schools that values and uses assessments as an interwoven component of the educational program along with curriculum and instruction.

System Organizational Capacity Objective #2: Governance

By 2027, the governance and leadership in the Catholic Schools Office and at all schools within the diocese will provide consistent and effective school operations that are mission driven.



TEAM HAPPENINGS

What have the diocesan internal coordinators and committee been up to in August?

1. Working on the strategies and timeline for the Math Action Plan
2. Finishing the drafts of the individual school self-studies
3. Entering data for the diocesan self-study

BELIEF STATEMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

We believe that every child is a uniquely created gift from God graced with inherent dignity and worth.

We believe that all students can best reach their fullest potential in a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled environment.

We believe that every student has unique strengths and talents and can excel in a rigorous, supportive environment.

We believe that Prayer, the Sacraments, and Christ-centered values permeate all that we do.

We believe that a standard of excellence must be maintained in all academic areas.

We believe that it is the shared responsibility of educators, family, parish, and community to provide for the development of the whole child: spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and emotional.

We believe it is the responsibility of our schools to help students discern God's call for their life.

We believe that students must develop the skills necessary to respond to God's call in a global society.

We believe that everyone is called to serve others.

We believe in the value of strategic planning and professional development as a means of continuous improvement.

We believe that adherence to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and fidelity to the Bishop of the Diocese of Erie will create a community united on its journey to the truth.