

News & Notes

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From the Desk of the Director...Christmas Greetings:

There is no doubt that the Advent and Christmas seasons more than ever this year remind us of the love and grace of God who came to live among us. As we strive to continue the work of God on earth, you represent on a daily basis the gospel message to your students.

Your work, your example, your service give witness each and every day to God's saving grace and never-ending blessings.

On behalf of the OCSAA office, please accept best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas season. Take some time for family, rest, exercise, read a good book, enjoy a good meal, anything which gives you a bit of a break from the routine of the last months.

The OCSAA office continues to be available to assist you in your work after such resumes in January 2021.

And speaking of 2021, may the New Year bring a return to normalcy and routine as we know it. Prayers for you and your families throughout this holy season. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.

Theresa J. Bowser

Annual Verification of Standards

Thanks to all schools for submitting all of the necessary information by October 31st in order to maintain your compliance with law in regard to licensure, calendar, fire and health inspections, BCI, FBI background checks, pupil activity permits, etc. Our second round of compliance checks is March 1st, 2021.

A word about fire and health inspections. If you are due or overdue for one and you have not received an inspection, please call the appropriate agency and request an inspection. Keep a record of the date of your call and the name of the individual who you spoke with at the department as well as a summary of the conversation.

The Department of Education has reminded us that the inspections are still required by law. We need to document our attempts to schedule an inspection in order to remain in good standing with regards to compliance with legal requirements.

Thanks for all you do to keep on top of this responsibility. Your Advisory member for your (Arch)Diocese can assist you with this responsibility as can the OCSAA office. If needed, please reach out for help at any time.

Schools Receiving Full Accreditation

Congratulations to the following schools that, in the midst of a pandemic, completed their External Validation Team visit – albeit virtually, and received Full Accreditation: Archdiocese of Cincinnati: **Badin High School, St. Martin of Tours School**; Diocese of Columbus: **SS. Peter and Paul School**; Diocese of Steubenville: **Catholic Central High School**; Diocese of Toledo: **St. Augustine School, St. Joseph School, Sylvania**; Diocese of Youngstown: **Cardinal Mooney High School**

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Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!