

Welcome Principals, Directors and Enrollment Management Team Members





A Prayer for Catholic Schools from NCEA

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As a Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education. As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic Schools.

Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools.

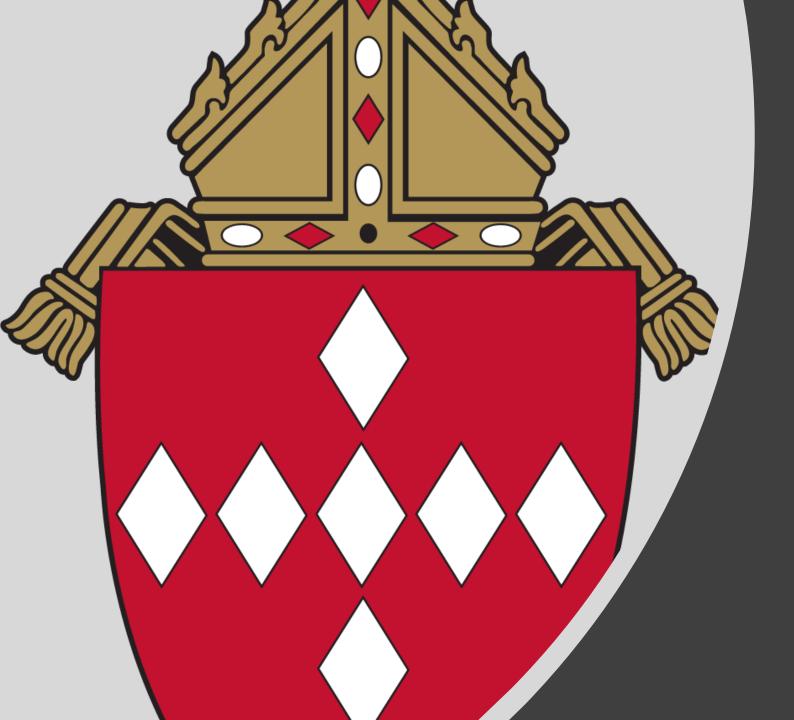
Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education. Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice.



In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Enrollment Management Team Training

Session 3

2022-23

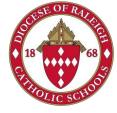
Our Learning Goal... Enrollment Management Teams

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO...

CELEBRATE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND POWERFUL PRACTICES IN ENROLLMENT

• **I**DENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

• IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



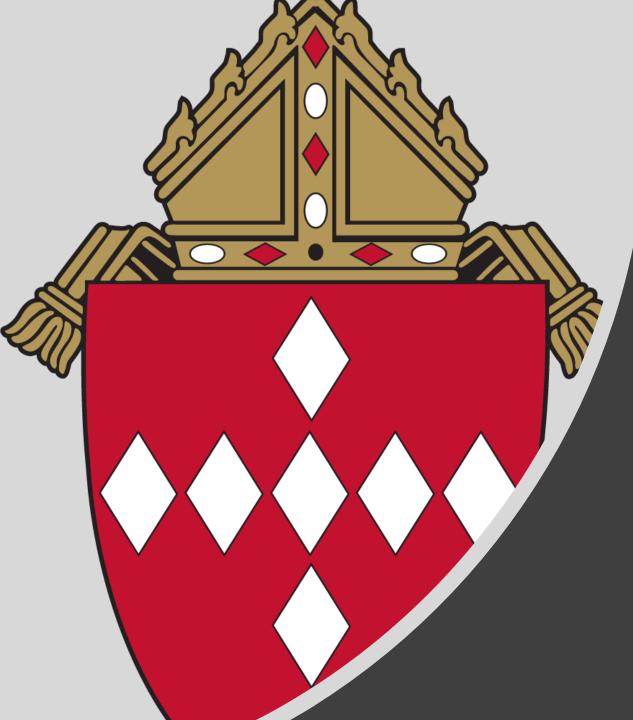
OPERATIONAL VITALITY Enrollment Management Teams

One day we will:

Be accessible to and inclusive of any student regardless of socio-economic status, race, cultural background, religious affiliation or learning exceptionality.

We will retain and attract students so that every seat in every classroom in every school will be filled.





Topic 3: Recruiting New Families

Marketing Workshop Goals

Committee focus: Recruitment

Finding New Families:

- Specific and achievable enrollment target has been set.
- Physical locations and opportunities to engage new families are determined and aligned with school calendars
- Parent audience profiles of those more likely to enroll have been created.

Attracting New Families:

- Audit of current communication methods undertaken.
- Desirable, realistic, and actionable vision for future of the school is developed and the process to actively and openly share that vision with the school community has begun.
- School value propositions created aligned to the specific parent audience profiles.
- Communication schedule including medium, message, and audience is planned.



Recruitment Summary

Recruitment is the first stage of contact with a prospective student and his or her family.

- During this phase the prospective student is introduced to the school and how it will respond to his or her faith formation, academic and extracurricular interests.
- Interest, or lack thereof, is established in the recruitment phase.
- All aspects of the recruitment phase must be executed with an emphasis on Catholic identity, the highest level of professionalism and customer service.

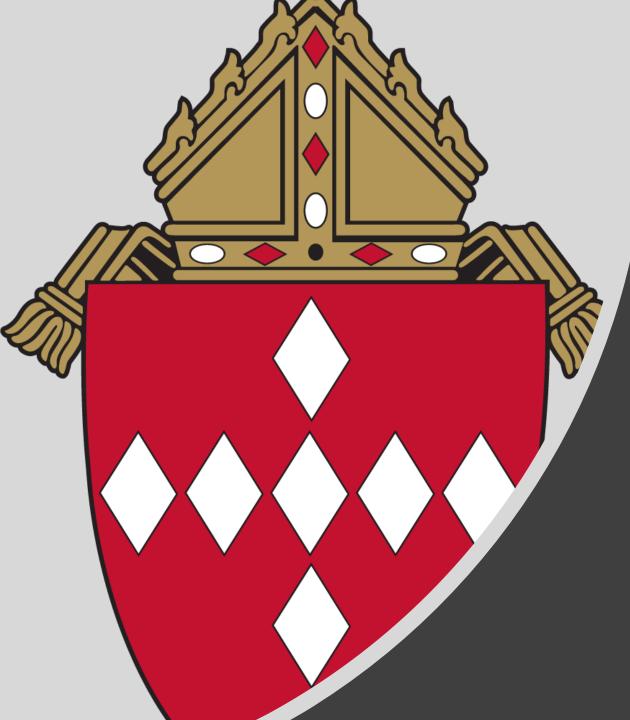


Recruitment Summary

The recruitment phase may include

- Presentation of printed material
- Web site visits, attendance at an event(s)
- School tours.

Personal follow-up is crucial during this phase. Once the student and family establish contact with the school, the goal is to engage them with the school community. Shadow visits, phone calls from current parents, personal notes, and invitations to school events will strengthen the personal connection. A minimum of seven touch-points are recommended.

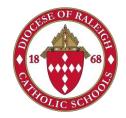


Finding New Families

Setting Specific and Achievable Enrollment Goals

- Enrollment goals include
 - Defining class capacities
 - Preschool intake
 - Retention of current families
 - Filling available seats
- Consider using an enrollment goal calculator: <u>https://mycatholicschool.org/resources/enrollment-target-</u> <u>creator/</u> Enrollment Target Worksheet

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An Enrollment Target Worksheet is available by download on this page.

Opportunities to Engage

Events

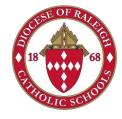
- Open houses
- Principal coffee's/ desserts
- School assemblies and performances
- Masses and Feast Day Activities
- Catholic Schools Week

 Webinar: Planning a "SUPER DUPER" Open House (Archdiocese of Seattle): <u>https://vimeo.com/766294549</u>



Defining "Dream Families"

- Use Voice of Customer (VOC) Research to capture the real, authentic voice of your dream families
- Choose your research tools: online surveys, interviews, correspondences, content mining
- Use your findings to create messaging that addresses key audience wants and needs, challenges, and solutions
- HOOK your reader draw them immediately into the page
- Prove that you UNDERSTAND them their hesitations, their skepticism, their concerns
- Address their pain points and make them TRUST you
- Convince them that what you are offering will really BENEFIT them
- Offer them PROOF
- Make it EASY to take the next step
- Resources at <u>https://cursivecontent.com/resources-success/</u>



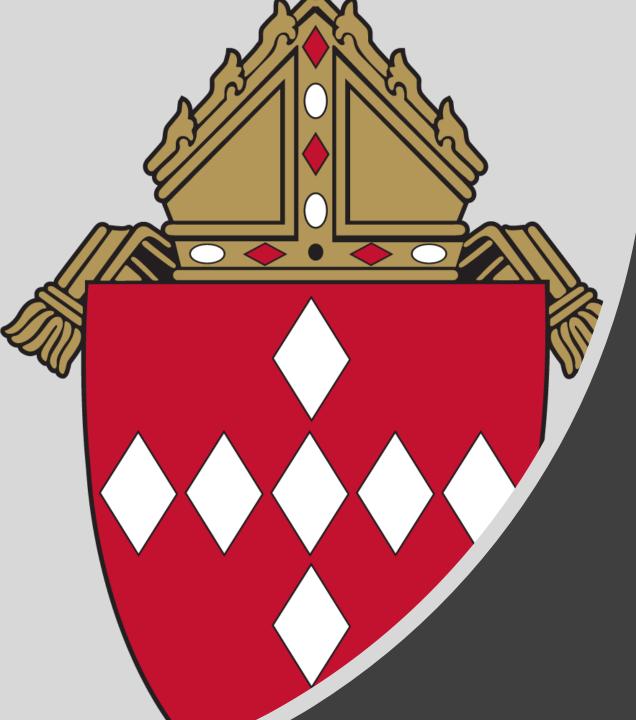
Enrollment as Evangelization

Target audience for Catholic school recruitment and retention:

- Current students and their families
- Religious education students and their families
- Parish families with school-aged children
- Families with school age children from feeder parishes without schools.
- Children enrolled in nearby daycare centers, pre-schools and enrichment programs

Our mission necessitates consideration to the needs of the poor and underserved





Attracting New Families

Current Communications Strategies

- Has your schools considered an audit of current communication methods?
- "Everything you do events, social media, your school website, newsletters, fundraisers — are all opportunities to shape how people perceive your value. All communication tools need to be filtered through the lens of recruitment."

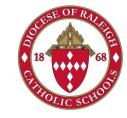
https://www.finalsite.com/blog/p/~board/b/post/reframing-your-schoolwebsite-for-new-family-recruitment

- Ensure that your application includes "How did you hear about us" to gather data regarding most effective communication methods
- Podcast (Diocese of Palm Beach) <u>https://advancingourchurch.com/data-</u> <u>driven-communications-plans</u>
- Current newsletter methods: Constant Contact, MailChimp, other suggestions?



"In every way, I have shown you that by hard work we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35





Communicating School Vision

- Desirable, realistic, and actionable vision for future of the school is developed
- Actively and openly sharing that vision with the school community
- Is your school vision "explicitly" shared?
- Is <u>evidence</u> of this vision shared?
- How do new families access this information? Current market research still points to our websites as the most important source for families.
- Storytelling: <u>https://read.nxtbook.com/ncea/momentum/spring</u> <u>2019/once upon a time storytelling.html</u>

Our Mission and Values

The Saint Raphael Catholic School Community provides a safe and nurturing environment that educates each unique child of God spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally.

Profile of a Guardian

Open to Growth Intellectually Competent

Committed to Doing Justice

Discerns Ways of Teaching and Learning

Builds Community and Fosters Collaboration

Profile of an Ignatian Educator

Cares for the Individual

Models Ignatian Pedagogy

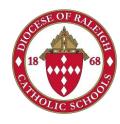
Animates the Ignatian Vision

Loving

Religious

Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm





School Value Propostions

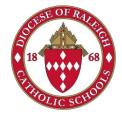
- While many schools are rooted in religion, the student experience at a Catholic school is unique. Faith is as much of a strength as another school's STEM, theater, or athletic program.
- One common place to speak to your school's faith is an "about," or "mission" page, but your homepage is an ideal place to showcase how and why your school does things differently.
- Highlighting your school's approach to faith can be a hook for prospective families and an authentic expression of our values
- Showing how faith plays a role in daily life at your school can help illustrate how it's ingrained in all that you do. From early morning community meetings and religion class, to close relationships with faculty members and quiet reflection, Catholicism can play a large role in an individual's experience.



Life at Sacred Heart.

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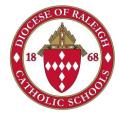
School Value Propostions

- Providing proof of our mission in action
- Showing personal, academic, and spiritual growth
- Using your school's heritage and history as a guiding force
- Testimonials help provide social proof and can help support a decision to inquire or learn more—at key points during the decision-making process, they help build trust and showcase more voices of your community.
- In some cases, video marketing targets parents better than any other media— having a video on your website or landing page can increase visitor conversions by eighty percent.



Spotlight: New Middle School Advisory Program

The Franciscan School has launched its first-ever Middle School Advisory Program. The program aims to equip students with academic, social, and emotional life skills that foster individual wellbeing and promote a healthy, faith-based community connection.



Communications Plan

- Communication schedule including medium, message, and audience is planned.
- Communications plan template: <u>https://raldioc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/MARCOMMSharingTeam/EU9QGNtu_HBBiiljsc3Wbp8B0ZwBLHS5s</u> <u>Ynto0B08v8Urg?e=UAFsPU</u> <u>Woodland Heights Elementary School Communications Plan</u>

Communications Plan Template

1. RESEARCH 2. PLANNING

I. Vision and Mission Statements

Goals
Audience and Objectives
Xrategies coordinating with each audience to meet short term and long-term objectives

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation specific to each Audience, Utilizing Strategies, and Specific Tactics/Tools
VI. Budget
VII. Timeline

4. EVALUATION

ADDENDUM

I. Vision and Mission Statements

Vision...

Mission...

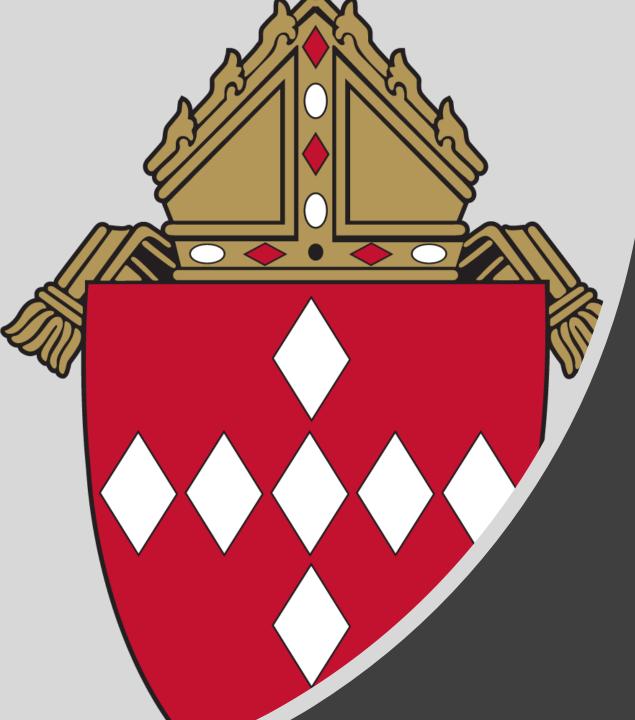
<u>II. Goals</u>

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Academic Communication									
STRATEGY	ATEGY PURPOSE TIMELINE		AUDIENCE	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE					
Open House/ Curriculum Nights	Informational meetings to introduce parents to a new school year and curriculum procedures for success	Annually	Parents and students	Administration/Teachers					
Parent-Teacher conferences	Individual meetings to discuss student progress and academic growth	Once in the fall, once in spring	Parents and students	Teachers					
Student progress reports & report cards	Communicate successes and opportunities for improvement to parents	Quarterly	Parents and students	Teachers					
Graded work, tests and assignments sent home Parent Portal	Keep students and parents updated on academic progress within the classroom	Ongoing Update grades in Parent Portal (Gradebook) weekly	Parents and students	Teachers					
Teacher messages in student's folder/agenda	Inform parents of pertinent information not included in weekly newsletters	As needed	Parents	Teachers					
Teacher newsletter (email blast)	Update parents on curriculum and instruction, class news, Enhancement curriculum	Weekly	Parents	Teachers					

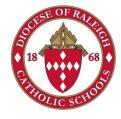




Closing Thoughts...

OPERATIONAL VITALITY Enrollment Management Meetings and Topics

Wednesday, March 15, 10am – 12pm: Topic – Retention



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