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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to our first issue of the Office of Educational Services Newsletter. I appreciate Br. Brian Walsh's efforts to tackle keeping up with the latest research and news in education.

As you well know, the summer in the United States was filled with events and decisions that impact not only how we operate in our schools but also how our students live their daily lives.

Br. Brian Walsh will share these important issues with you throughout the year in our new newsletter, the *Consortium Chronicle*.

I hope you enjoy this first issue and that you will share your good news and ideas with us going forward.

FROM THE LITERATURE BY BR. BRIAN WALSH, CFC

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR:

STUDENT BEHAVIOR: INCREASED WITHDRAWAL

- ◆ Inability to make connections
- ◆ Decreased rapport with students and staff
- ◆ Inability to interact cooperatively with others

TEACHER STRATEGIES

- ◆ Show interest in students
- ◆ Model positive relationships
- ◆ Focus on trust and safety
- ◆ Check students social-emotional vital signs
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STUDENT FEEDBACK

There is a body of compelling theory and research that shows hearing 'how well we've done' from someone in a position of power does not lead us to improve: Researchers Ruth Butler, Emily R Fyfe, Bethany Rittle-Johnson, at Duke University in 2020, Lorrie Shepard at U of Colorado.

fects input...When the word is applied to human communication, it should refer only to information: "Here's something you did that I noticed...." When feedback is contaminated: evaluation ("Here's what I think about what you did. ...") it tends to become not only less effective but ...damaging to future performance.

"Feedback" originally referred to a self-regulating system like a thermostat in which output af-

(Education Week:09/14/2022)

*"Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another for the love of God, we would prize it more than gold or silver."
Blessed Edmund Rice*

SHOUT OUT!

> **Rev. Joseph Grimaldi**,
past Head of School (with title: Principal) of two Consortium schools: Brother Rice High School, Bloomfield Hills, MI [when the school was in Birmingham MI] and Damien Memorial School, Honolulu, HI [when the school was Damien Memorial High School] for the honor he received by having the School foyer at Brother Rice dedicated to him.[The school is still in Bloomfield Hills !]

> **Mr. Vito Campanile**,
Head Football Coach at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ on his reception of the **USA TODAY's** Coach of the year award for a 13-o season and the school's 18th Non-public State Championship.

> **Mr. Brad Simmons**,
member of the Sponsor Council and a 1975 graduate of Brother Rice High School Bloomfield Hills, MI was honored for his lifetime of Servant Leadership provided selflessly, humbly, loyally with wisdom and witness to faith and service by the dedication of the Brad Simmons '75 Alumni Hall.

How The Pilgrims in Peru Team 2022 Spent Summer Vacation by Cris Bonomo

After postponing for a year, the Office of Educational Services offered the Pilgrims in Peru immersion program for teachers, administrators, and staff this July.

Although this year's Pilgrims were able to experience some of the traditional tourist locations in Peru, the bulk of their time was spent walking with the people of Peru. cont.

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From L to R: John Bonomo, New York, Shireen Cotterall, Vancouver College, Vancouver, BC; Dylan Grey, Iona Prep Upper School, New Rochelle, NY; Michelle Rapier, Vancouver College, Vancouver, BC; Paige Callebs, Brother Rice Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Bob Vendetti, West Park, NY, Bottom, L to R: Cris Ritchie-Bonomo, OES, New Rochelle, NY Jennifer Wagner, Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Deirdre Mone, Iona Prep Lower School, New Rochelle, NY, Erica Cameron, St.

First, in Canto Grande, we met Carmen and her family, who make clothing. Her husband designs and creates the patterns, and Carmen and her two sons cut and sew the pieces together.



Next, we visited Tania, who makes bracelets with beads and thread and sells them. She also cuts fabric into squares. At her house, we cut cloth and shared stories and experiences.



The next day, we made our way to Jicamarca. Jicamarca is northeast of San Juan Lurigancho, and to get there, we rode the bus to the end of the line and into the hills. As we traveled further north and east, the structures became less permanent. We moved from concrete and brick to pressboard homes, or in many cases, houses made of scrap lumber and aluminum.

We met Señora Nelda, her husband Jose, and their two children. Señora Nelda is frail and has cancer. She needs surgery, but their family does not have the money to pay the doctors. So, the two children, teenagers, go to school and help their parents. Jose sells fruit in the local market. Then, when he comes home, he helps his wife and neighbors. One bilingual Pilgrim shared her conversation with Jose, ***"When he was thanking us, he said: 'All I pray for every day is my family, our health and work.' He was so very grateful for his new home but considered it an 'extra.'"***

Finally, it is essential to note that Jicamarca does not have a Catholic parish. Jicamarca is too undeveloped, too far away, and too poor. There is no priest to celebrate the Eucharist or any of the sacraments. Yet, despite the lack of a parish, the Church is alive. She lives in the loving actions that support family and community. She is the person who has so little and yet shares. She is the Christian Brothers and other religious communities committed to the poor. She is the Peruvian people who love and work and build a life in the dirt and rocks outside Lima. She is also all of us, teachers, and students, who experience immersion, support the mission's appeal and commit to building God's Kingdom. The Church is all of us, walking together.

When we pilgrims join our hearts and hands, the Church is alive and at its best. We are also the face of Blessed Edmund Rice. As one Pilgrim said, quoting Blessed Edmund, ***"There are so many things that I thought I understood on a cerebral level that I now feel that I understand on a more practical or visceral level. " Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver."***

We invite you to not only be the face of Blessed Edmund Rice and join us for Pilgrims in Peru 2024. but also to recognize you are Blessed Edmund's face everywhere and every day.

WELCOME NEW

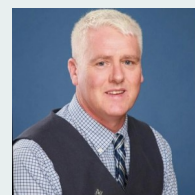
PRESIDENTS

Welcome **Dr. Arnold Laauni**, the new President of Damien Memorial. Dr. Laauni has a wealth of experience having served as an FBI agent and instructor. Most recently he served the Honolulu Department of Education. Dr. Laauni is the fifth



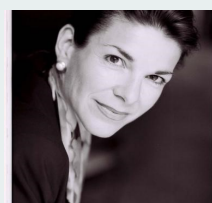
President of his alma mater.

Those of you who have been in the consortium will certainly recognize **Stephen Garland** the new President of St. Thomas More



Collegiate. For the past five years, Stephen was Principal and is excited to move into the President's seat. Congratulations Stephen!

New to our consortium, but not new to our mission is Interim President, **Michelle Rupp**. Michelle



was appointed Interim President of Vancouver College on July 1, 2022. She is a

parent of two VC alumni and a 2008-2016 Board member, Michelle holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from UBC, a Master's degree in Leadership Studies and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Organizational Development and Change. Welcome Michelle!

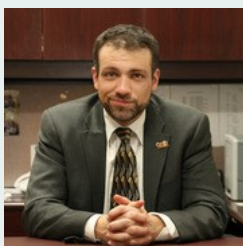
MORE NEW FACES!

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW PRINCIPALS!



Nick Corrado begins his first full year in his role of Principal at All

Hallows. He began in January and hit the ground running. Welcome Nick!



Dr. Anthony Casella begins his first year as Principal at Iona Prep. He is no stranger to the Prep as he served as Dean of Students and is a proud graduate of the class of 1997! Congratulations on your new role!



Also new to the role of Principal is Mr. Joe Adams. For the past four years he was Vice Principal

at St. Thomas More Collegiate and has previous experience as a VP. Joe is also a proud husband, father and avid sports fan.

Church and Society Items of Interest to Schools by Br. Brian Walsh, CFC

CHURCH

Essential Element Number One of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education is:

Evangelize Youth within the Mission of the Church

Every three years since the closing of the Second Vatican Council the Church has been holding meetings called, **synods**, composed of Bishops from around the world to discuss certain topics. The topics have been determined before hand and the documents or discussion and critique produced and the results shared with us. Some of the past topics have been: the Church in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, priesthood, and the laity.

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During the past year parishes met and 175 of 178 (Arch) Dioceses in the United States sent reports to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This year there are to be regional and national meetings.

Key themes that have surfaced are: clericalism, role of women, lack of real effort with: youth, "nones," LGBTG+.

In his October 9, 2021 homily, Pope Francis quoted the theologian Yves Conger:

“...we do not need another Church. We need a **different** Church.”

What does your (Arch) Diocesan report on the Synod say?

SOCIETY

1. Several topics in the media have the ability to impact what takes place in our schools: Critical Race Theory, Cancel Culture, ‘Woke’, ‘Don’t say Gay’,

2. Book Banning: Between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022: **1,586** Books were banned In **86** school districts In **26** States In **2,899** Schools.

(PEN AMERICA)

Essential Elements Three and Five speak to these issues:

3. *Stand in Solidarity with those Marginalized by Poverty and Injustice.*

5. *Celebrate the Value and Dignity of each Person and Nurture the Development of the Whole Person.*

(The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education are based on Catholic Social Justice Teaching.) In each issue of the Consortium Chronicle we will develop ideas in this area.

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LEARNINGS FROM UVALDE

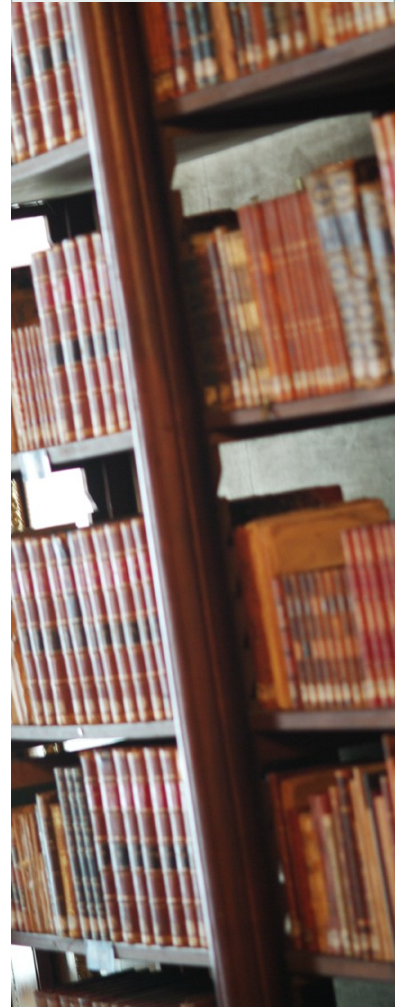
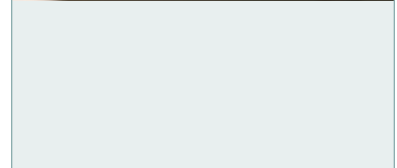
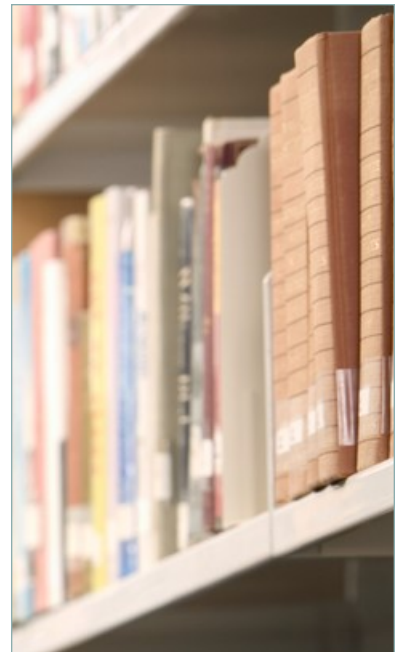
- Teachers struggled to lock classroom doors;
- Communication difficulties:
 - : patchy cell phone service
 - : unreliable wifi service;
 (if there is an intruder in the building do you want to be announcing over the PA where the intruder is?)
 - How many doors to enter the building?
 - Coordinate with local authorities
 - : do they know your building?
 - Normalcy Bias
 - : is every drill always done the same way?

SUPREME COURT RULING ON PRAYER AT PUBLIC SCHOOL EVENTS

The issue is going to become to which Faith's prayers are the students going to be exposed if prayer is vocalized.

Mark Your Calendar

Event	Audience	Location	Date and Time
School Leaders Retreat	Presidents and Principals	Maritime Center, Linthicum Heights, MD	Check-in 3 pm 10/4 Check-out am 10/7
ACTION Student Leaders Workshop	Students, Moderators, and Team Members	Pope John Paul II Retreat Center, Kearney, NJ	Check-in 10/13 Check-out 10/15
Called and Gifted Retreat	(Admin, Faculty, and Staff)	Linwood Retreat Center, Rhinebeck, NY	Check-in 3 pm 10/25 Check-out am 10/28
Partners in Education	New Board Members	OES, New Rochelle, NY	9-1 pm 11/5
Partners in Education	New Board Members	Brother Rice High School, Chicago, IL	9-1 pm 11/12
Called to Lead Retreat	New Presidents, New Principals, and Mentors	TBA	Check-in 4 pm 2/1 Check-out am 2/3
School Leaders; Meeting	Sponsor Council, Board Chairs, Presidents, and Principals	Catholic Memorial West Roxbury, MA	March 27-30, 2023
Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice	All	Everywhere!	May 5, 2023



OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Office of Educational Services has prime responsibility for the mission effectiveness of Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools throughout the United States, Canada, and West Indies. Using the *Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education* as guiding principles, OES promotes Catholic identity and mission integration through school leadership development and review processes, teacher training programs, Board formation, and periodic school validation visits. OES also oversees comprehensive immersion programs in North and South America.

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