PA Day Agenda

Elementary: Ministry of Education Day: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Date: February 27, 2026
Topic: Our Vocation as Catholic Educators & Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Location: Central Location (St. Charles College)
Audience: All Education Staff
Length: Full Day
Presenters: Bishop Thomas Dowd, Director of Education Morris Hucal, Thomas D'Amico, Hannah Beach, School Board Staff.

Description:

Educators will come together as a Catholic learning community to pause, reflect, and renew the shared vocation of Catholic educators. This day is an opportunity to reconnect with purpose, examine how faith guides our work, and explore how emerging tools, including artificial intelligence (AI), can support our mission thoughtfully and ethically. This day will include:

Mass: We are blessed to be joined by Bishop Thomas Dowd, who will preside at Mass, as well as local clergy who will join for this celebration.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas D'Amico: Beyond the Hype. Real AI Use in K-12. This fast-paced presentation explores the risks and benefits of AI in K-12 education, informed by current events and emerging research. Highlights include how AI is reshaping Assessment and Evaluation, and academic integrity. The session includes an overview of how one Catholic District successfully implemented AI while maintaining a strong focus on relationships and the dignity of all students.

Breakout Sessions: Educators will participate in sessions lead by school board staff on the topics of: EDI and the NEW Kindergarten Curriculum, Capturing Student Learning in the Kindergarten Classroom, Classroom Tools for Universal Design, Augmentative and Alternative Communication in the Classroom, Using AI in the FSL Classroom, Using AI in the Math Classroom, and Supporting Student Social and Emotional Regulation.

PA Day Agenda

Secondary: Ministry of Education Day: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Date: February 27, 2026
Topic: Our Vocation as Catholic Educators & Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Location: Central Location (St. Benedict School)
Audience: All Education Staff
Length: Full Day
Presenters: Bishop Thomas Dowd, Director of Education Morris Hucal, Thomas D'Amico, School Board Staff, Naomi Shah (Brisk AI), Mallory Maynard (Gibbly AI), Bill Corcoran (Gemini)

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Breakout Sessions: Educators will participate in sessions lead by guest speakers and school board staff on the topics of: Gemini in Google Classroom, Gibbly AI, AI in the Classroom: Practical Uses, Chat GPT, Canva AI, and Brisk AI.