The Diocese of Scranton is committed to educating our students in an environment that is academically excellent and facilitates the development of moral judgment and Christian decision-making. We are proud to share the following successes of our students in the classroom and in their service to others. Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.

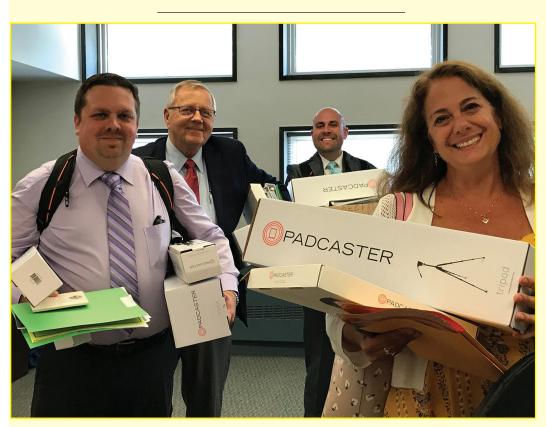


Principals and teachers from our 20 Catholic Schools spent a day training on NWEA Map Growth, a computerized adaptive assessment, giving teachers the opportunity to plan instruction based on the individual needs of their students. Each student's test is personalized to their responses to the previous questions so this becomes another tool to ensure growth and enhance data-informed instruction in our schools.



The next principal and teacher training, scheduled for October, will assist educational teams to understand the meaning of the results and how best to use the information to drive instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of each student. Families will be provided information to understand the assessment results for each student during the academic year.

Continuing with their summer STREAM (Science • Technology • Religion • Engineering • Arts • Math) training, principals and teachers from the Diocese of Scranton spent time learning Padcaster, which transforms an Apple iPad into a mobile video studio. Every Catholic School will now have a Padcaster Studio for students to capture, create and share digital content within their school as well to offer as a live stream. The Padcaster Studio includes a dedicated iPad, various lenses and microphones, headphones, LED light, tripod with dolly wheels, green screen with stand, and a mini-teleprompter, all of which can be easily transported throughout the school building and campus.







Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students at **Holy Rosary School in Duryea** spent time this summer at the school's Dino Camp, learning all about dinosaurs. A few participants became "dinos" with the addition of these specially designed dinosaur masks.



Just prior to the end of the school year, the second grade class at **Saint Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore** went on a Communion Retreat, visiting Saint Gabriel's Monastery in Clarks Summit.



Mackenzie and Alli, students at Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston, peruse the buffet offerings at the school's annual "New Student Orientation Information Session," where new families can tour the school, meet the faculty and staff, and then enjoy a light dinner.



Service is a year-long commitment by the students at **Saint Clare/Saint Paul School in Scranton**. This summer, the eighth grade class made welcome signs for all new students joining them for the 2019-20 school year, as well as cleaning up the school grounds.



Megan Crosby and Juliana Kriner, juniors at Saint John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School in Williamsport, assist new students and their families at the school's August Open House and New Student Orientation.



Students who participate in the Individualized Instruction Program at **All Saints Academy in Scranton** partnered with NEIU Guidance teams to celebrate "ME." Student portraits, including descriptions of each, were created and shared with the students.



Miss Sue Shaw, the Pre-Kindergarten teacher at **Holy Family Academy in Hazleton**, greets her new Pre-K students and their families during their "New Student Orientation" evening, which allows students to meet each other, learn where they are going to sit, as well as meet their teacher.



Connor Pribula, Samantha Renfer, Robert Stanchak and Brooke Allen, fifth grade students at **Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**, enjoy the décor as the school hosts a "Back to School Ice Cream Social" night in mid-August for all students and their families.



Third graders at La Salle Academy in Jessup had a "sweet" introduction to division. After reading "The Door Rang" by Pat Hutchins, a book that centers on friendship, sharing, cookies and also introduces math concepts, the students could practice division problem using Cookie Crisp cereal.