September 2013

By now, the first bell of the school year has rung and all of the Catholic schools in our archdiocese are off to a great start! This new year brings excitement and momentum – and in many cases, transition. The Fulcrum Foundation is especially proud of the schools undergoing academic model transformations; in other words, changing the way they teach so as to be more relevant to the populations they serve, and hopefully, to open their doors to many more students. One school, as it celebrates its centennial anniversary of providing excellent 21st holistic education. tradition findina cutting-edge ways to continue this well into century.

In this dynamic atmosphere, a few of Western Washington's Catholic schools have been mentioned in the news over the past months. You can read more about schools in a variety of communities by clicking on links of interest below.



- Assumption Catholic School in Bellingham, WA featured in <u>The Bellingham Herald</u>.
- Pope John Paul II High School's founder Cecilia Brennan Featured in the PORTLAND (The University of Portland Magazine), in an article titled, "<u>I Just Trusted</u>".
- Seattle Nativity School in Seattle, WA featured on <u>King5 News</u>.
- St. Paul Catholic School in Seattle, WA featured in <u>The Seattle Times</u>.
- Visitation Catholic STEM Academy in Tacoma, WA featured in The Tacoma News Tribune as well as in Our Sunday Visitor.

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