

# CISPG LEARNING

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## What's New!

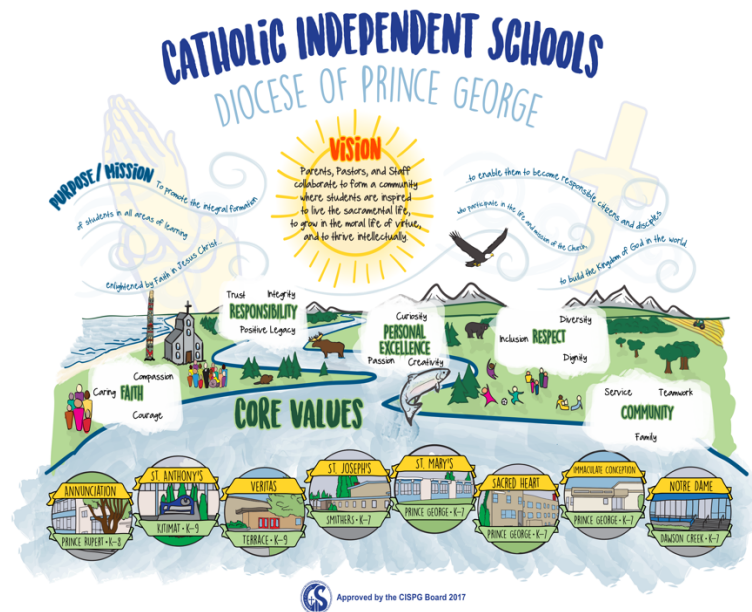
### CISPG Website

A reminder that our "redesigned" website has been launched. Please take a moment to explore some of the many useful resources and documents that have been posted under the **Curriculum and Instruction tab** (click the underlined links) at [cispg.ca](http://cispg.ca). I welcome all comments, and suggestions 😊

### Resources

#### Core Competency Resources

- \* Check out Rose Pillay's beautiful slides on her "favourite thoughts about the **core competencies**"
- \* Rose has also completed a **Core Competency Faves Flip Book** on supporting student self-assessment and reporting
- \* Janet Dhanani from FISA has compiled a document from a recent **Ed Camp on the Core Competencies**. This is an excellent resource with information on the CC's and an extensive list of resources.



## Communicating Student Learning

One of our priorities this year is to begin to shift from the reporting of student progress at various "fixed intervals" to communicating student learning (CSL) on an ongoing basis. Many CISPG educators are currently using a variety of media to communicate with parents about their child's learning. But how do we make sense of what should be communicated? Kelli Vogstad is a prominent BC educator who has written several excellent articles in her blog, Teaching and Learning With Heart. In one of her posts, she talks about **Making Learning Visible and Digital Portfolios**, (click the underlined links) a must read for anyone using Fresh Grade or moving to student portfolios. She refers to 4 kinds of documentation: *Two of the Same*, *Showing the Knowing*, *Celebrating The Learning*, *Communicating the Hows and Whys*. Check out Kelli's blog, **Teaching and Learning With Heart** for many excellent posts about the redesigned curriculum (e.g. Core Competencies - It's Not About The Checklist).

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## Resources (cont.)

### Core Competency Books

- [Book List 1](#)
- [Book List 2](#)
- [Book List 3](#)
- [Book List 4](#)

**#BCEdChat** is an online discussion forum that occurs every Sunday. The sessions are then archived. Check out the link for the most recent chat on the Core Competencies.

More resources/info can be found on the [cispg.ca](#) website in the curriculum section.

### Student Inclusive Conferences

Check out **Maple Ridge School District Website** for some great resources related to conferences - go to Staff, Reports, Teacher Materials or click on the following link: **Student Conferences**. As well, take a look at two amazing articles regarding "how to" resources for Student Conferences: **Student-Led Conferences: Resources for Educators** and **5 Resources for Parent-Teacher Conferences**, both from Edutopia.

### Hour Of Code

Check out this great website for information on how to start coding in your classroom. Code.org is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving access to computer science in schools.

## Embedding Indigenous Worldview , Perspectives, and Content Into Your Teaching Practice

The redesigned curriculum incorporates Aboriginal voice and perspective and ensures that aboriginal understandings are part of the learning journey for every student. Indigenous perspectives are now clearly embedded in all strands of the BC curriculum in authentic and meaningful ways. Linda O'Reilly has created an excellent document that includes many relevant links to classroom learning resources and curriculum materials. The link can be found on the [cispg.ca website](#) in the Curriculum and Instruction section. Go to Linda O'Reilly docs, First Peoples, and look for the document entitled "Embedding Indigenous Worldview, Perspectives, and Content Into Your Teaching Practice".

## Save The Date!

### N.I.C.E Northern Independent Conference for Educators

**Date:** Friday, May 18, 2018

**Time:** 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

**Location:** Immaculate Conception School

The Prince George Schools Professional Development Committee is looking forward to welcoming the following presenters:

- **Dr. Schonert-Reich** is a world-renowned expert in the area of social and emotional learning (SEL). Her work includes ways in which SEL programs such as Roots of Empathy, MindUp, The Taxi Dog Educational Curriculum and the Kindness in the Classroom Curriculum result in changes in self-regulation and stress among children in typical classroom settings.
- **Sister Eva Solomon**, a Roman Catholic Sister of St. Joseph, is director of the "Building Bridges" Project, a program that focuses on the bringing together of Christian faith and Aboriginal traditional ways. She has worked with Christian denominations across the country as they look at the question of "interculturalization" of Faith.
- **Brent Davis** is the Distinguished Research Chair at the University of Calgary. The principal foci of his research are teachers' disciplinary knowledge of mathematics and the structures and experiences that might support mathematical learning among teachers.
- **Dr. Todd Whitcombe** is an Associate Professor at UNBC. For the past 25 years, he has been involved in a number of Science promotion activities, most notably Science Alliance with Exploration Place and Active Minds (SUNY) at the University of Northern British Columbia.
- **Check this link for further information on NICE, 2018:**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/cispgnice/home>

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