CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"All learners thriving in inspiring, innovative Catholic Learning Communities"

A Message from the CISPG Superintendent:

A sincere thank-you to all staff in our 8 schools and our Pastoral Centre for your hard work, collaboration, innovation, and continued commitment to Catholic Education, our wonderful students and their families. Christmas will be celebrated differently this year throughout the world. I pray it will be a very special and prayerful Christmas for you and your family. Perhaps some of the noise and distractions of previous years will subside and we can make room for Christ in our hearts, in a more intimate and lasting manner. With gratitude and hope, Chris

Dugdale, Superintendent

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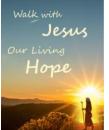
As we enter the final countdown to Christmas, I wish to express my gratitude to you for all that you do on behalf of CISPG learners, their families and the communities in which you work and learn. You have met many challenges in this most difficult first term and every day you continue to make a positive impact on

the lives of our students. I wish you a rejuvenating, restorative Christmas season filled with joy and peace and the comfort of knowing that there is light at the end of the tunnel. All the best in 2021 ⁽ⁱ⁾ And, just to set the mood, you might want to listen to this version of O Holy Night by Father Rob Galea, featuring Ana Gabriela.

Frances Roch, Coordinator Curriculum and Instruction

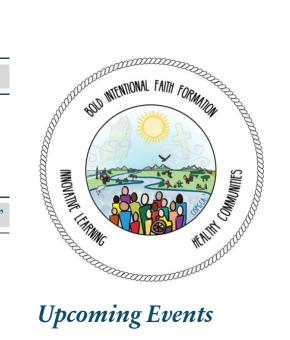
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respectfully

acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the indigenous nations in which we live, work and play. The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George. The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat. The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.



Upcoming Events

A NOIIE (Network of Inquiry and **Indigenous Education) Learning Event** with Kath Murdoch – NOIIE is hosting @kjinguiry on Jan 18 for a zoom session about student inquiry. RSVP: http://noii.ca/2021-kath-murdoch-rsvpjanuary-18th/

EdCampBCCC - Announcing our annual BC Core Competencies EdCamp on January 23, 2021! We are going virtual! For more information:

https://edcampbccc.weebly.com

BC Teacher Education Network @BCTENetwork

Save the Date!!! Virtual conference on March 17, 2021. For Preservice Teachers, Teacher Educators, Teachers, and Educational Leaders.



Issue #7

New Resources

All of the resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be reminded that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of "wise practice" across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support CISPG educators with a repository of rich resources. I am grateful to school districts and educators across BC who so generously share their learning with us.





- Adrienne's OLLI Online Learning Lesson Idea #13: <u>Harvey Slumfenburger's</u> Christmas Present
- POPEY is announcing new 2021 dates for POPEY's after-school specials:
 Wednesday, January 20th: 3:15-4:15 pm Register <u>HERE</u>
 Writing: explore how we can engage students in the writing process, using mentor texts and writing mini-lessons to provide differentiated writing opportunities.

Wednesday, January 27th: 3:15-4:15pmRegister HEREOral Language: explore strategies to build language capacity for primary learners, by
providing scaffolded supports that develop students' thinking, language, and vocabulary
skills.

Wednesday, February 3rd: 3:15-4:15pm Register HERE

Literacy & SEL: explore literacy activities, stories, and texts that intentionally connect to opportunities for social emotional learning, and support students' sense of well-being and belonging.

Once you register, you'll receive a confirmation email that will include the Zoom meeting ID and passcode. We will also email you on the Monday before each session, with the Zoom link and the handouts, which will be posted on our <u>Handouts page</u> a few days prior to each session.

Numeracy



Explorations

• From the <u>BC Numeracy Network</u> @BCnumeracy: Our monthly posts this year will focus on instructional routines that support the teaching & learning of mathematics. For December we share this image inspired by <u>@MaryBourassa</u> & Which One Doesn't Belong? What do they have in common? How is each one unique?



Science World Teacher Resources @ScienceWorldTR. Check out these beautiful FREE, colourful posters from @NSERC_CRSNG. Bridging Science and Art: <u>http://scienceliteracy.ca/library/</u>

- FREE from <u>@TC2thinks</u> (Critical Thinking Consortium) Online resources to support elementary and secondary students learning about Canada's first national internment operations <u>https://tc2.ca/en/CFWWIRF/</u>
- **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu Before the arrival of Europeans, Indigenous Peoples gave names to the land to identify places they knew and with which they had strong spiritual connections. Discover Canada's original place names and their Indigenous origins. <u>https://bit.ly/2VEr5w0</u>
- Check out the History Lessons and Assessments <u>https://sheg.stanford.edu</u> from @SHEG Stanford

PHE/SEL

• From ASCD - As we move further into one of the most challenging school years in memory, it's time to check in on educators' <u>#mentalhealth</u>. We are opening the new issue of <u>@ELmagazine</u>

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to ALL educators, free of charge, for the month of December. Read it here: https://bit.ly/ayJBq4

 Shared by PHE Canada @PHECanada - The PHE Learning Centre now has over 200 activities to choose from! New resources have been added to the PE and Emotional Well-Being sections, marked "NEW" next to the title. Visit the Learning Centre and download new resources for free: <u>https://phecanada.ca/programs/phe-l</u>

Indigenous Ed









• Engaging All Learners in The Middle Years

This series is receiving rave reviews! You can still register for Webinar #3 and 4:

Webinar #3 – Wednesday, Feb 17th – Place Conscious Learning with Leyton Schnellert and John Harris

Webinar #4 – Wednesday, April 21st – Self-Regulated & Social Emotional Learning with Leyton Schnellert and Miriam Miller To register and view Archived Webinars #1 and #2, check out this link: Engaging All Learners in the Middle Years with thanks to SD #61 – Greater Victoria School District.

Inclusive and Competency Based IEP's with Shelley Moore.

This series is also excellent! Shelley Moore is an engaging speaker

who has invited many well-known BC educators to join her as she digs deeply into the rationale and strategies to create inclusive environments in schools and to design inclusive and competency based IEPS. Session 2 was sold out and Session 3 is already more than half full!

<u>Register here</u> for Part 3 with Leyton Schnellert and Part 4 with Faye Brownlie. **This is a MUST CHECK for Learning Resource teachers.**