

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

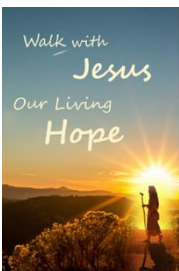
“All learners thriving in Catholic Learning Communities”

Hello everyone!

Over the next few weeks, our eight schools will be participating in Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education. This is a time to focus on the value of our Catholic Learning Communities and to express appreciation to all of those who make Catholic education possible.

On behalf of CISPG, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our students, parents, staff, pastors, parishioners, and diocesan family for their many contributions to Catholic education. We are very proud of our unique learning communities where all learners can thrive within a safe, supportive environment that nurtures and values “Bold, Intentional Faith Formation”, “Innovative Learning”, and “Healthy Communities” 😊

If you’re in need of inspiration or messages of hope during these challenging times, you may wish to check out the work of Father Rob Galea: <https://www.frgministry.com/music>. One of his latest songs, Reckless Love, is beautiful. You can find it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=airoU7GaY10>. Follow Father Rob Galea on Twitter @FrRobGalea. Take good care!



Frances Roch, CISPG Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction

We 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.

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it.
- AMANDA GORMAN
13 year old, National Youth Poet Laureate

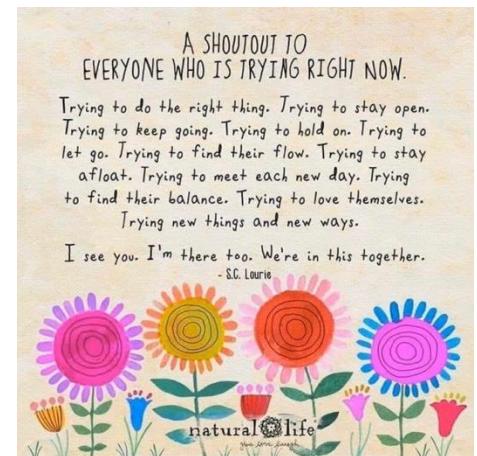


Upcoming Events

StayLit: Dr. Jody Carrington

<http://www.drjodycarrington.com/staylit> / with guests including George Couros, Shelley Moore and Jessie Thistle. CAD \$49 (you can re-watch for 24 hours).

Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am MST – 4:00 pm.



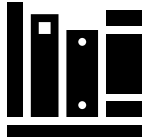
The 41st Catholic Educators' Virtual Conference will take place on **Thursday, February 11 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.**

The Conference includes three strands: Educator, Leadership, and Support Staff. This year, there is an excellent line-up of speakers for each strand. Be sure to explore the CEC2021 website to learn more about the schedule and speakers: <https://cisva.bc.ca/cec/>

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.

Literacy



- **From National Geographic - The Elements of Storytelling** Telling a powerful story isn't as simple as you might think— this infographic outlines the basic storytelling process and the work it takes to arrive at a story worth telling. Click below for the link and info from @NatGeoEducation: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/elements-storytelling/>
- **POPEY** – is announcing a new after-school special: **Wednesday, February 3rd: 3:15-4:15pm -**



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. POPEY will also email you on the Monday before each session, with the Zoom link and the handouts, which will be posted on

their Handouts page a few days prior to each session. Register at:

<https://popey.ca/news/2020/12/2021-free-popey-workshops>. Please note that registration closes on January 29, 2021.

- **From Scholastic Canada @scholasticCDA**
Our website has a new look! Visit <http://scholastic.ca> to explore all we have to offer, including our latest book releases, French books, Classroom Essentials, Reading Club, curriculum programs, digital resources, virtual book fairs, and more!

Save the date: World Read Aloud Day is coming on February 3. Get ready to take part in the all-day celebration with your favorite read aloud.



Learn more here:

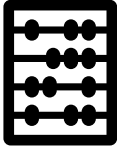
<https://bit.ly/2LpDeTQ> and use #WorldReadAloudDay to tell which story you'll be reading aloud!

- **Shared by Adrienne Gear @AdrienneGear**
Adrienne's OLLI – Online Learning Lesson Idea #15: 100 Things That Make Me Happy:
<https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2021/01/21/adriennes-olli-online-learning-lesson-idea-15-100-things-that-make-me-happy/>
- **From EPIC:**

Boost confidence with real books students love. Access to thousands of high-quality books, loved by millions of kids grade 6 and under: <https://getepic.com/educators>

- Two lesson plans for Amanda Gorman’s *The Hill We Climb* (see graphic first page)
 - <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/lessons-plans/lesson-plan-discuss-22-year-old-amanda-gormans-inaugural-poem-the-miracle-morning/>
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/20/learning/lesson-of-the-day-amanda-gorman-and-the-hill-we-climb.html>

Numeracy



- Check out this site for information on math strategies, pedagogy and “Math Flips”: <https://berkeleyeverett.com/math-flips/>. Follow @BerkeleyEverett.
- From @MrSurti: Very excited for @ONEducation’s newest resource on High-Impact Instructional Practices in math, including video stories and reflections on #ThinkingClassrooms, Spiralling, Rethinking Assessment & Evaluation, Student Autonomy, and more! Check out <https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/learning/high-impact-instructional-practices-in-mathematics-resource-and-supports>.
- From ASCD: Register for our next #ASCDWebinar on Thursday, February 4 at 3 pm ET -



@MyronDueck’s new book, **Giving Students a Say: Smarter Assessment Practices to Empower and Engage**. This webinar will focus on practical ways that we can invite students into the assessment realm as active copilots: <https://bit.ly/3cc1dRM>

- Shared by Mashup Math:

Learn all about how you can use #WODB activities to engage math students: <http://mashupmath.com/blog/wodb>

Which One Doesn't Belong?

Grades 1-6	Grades 7-8+
<p>Which one doesn't belong?</p>	<p>Which one doesn't belong?</p>

Explorations



- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1
Need Inspiration Designing Station Rotation Lessons for your Math, English, History, or Science Class? – Dr. Catlin... <https://catlintucker.com/2021/01/inspir>
- Shared by Misty Paterson @PatersonMisty
This week’s **inquiry plan** or “power-up” is available on Instagram at @popupstudioed. Swipe to see all 6 slides. Want an #inquiry and #conceptbased cheerleader? Post your learning and questions and I’ll write you back!
- Tree poster with QR codes that will link you to an online version of *BC’s Tree Book*. What do you notice / wonder? How are these **trees** the same/different? Why are trees so important? What can we learn from them? Can download here: <https://mentoringnatureconnections.wordpress.com/nature-signs/>
- **Ocean School** is a groundbreaking educational experience that uses powerful storytelling techniques, immersive technologies and interactive media. Its inquiry-based approach advances critical thinking, innovation and environmental awareness. Learn more: <https://oceanschool.nfb.ca/> and <https://help.oceanschool.nfb.ca/educational-resources>
- From PHECanada @PHECanada

PHE/SEL



Today's tip for attending #PHEVirtual2021: pick your themes and attend LIVE! We have developed the programming for each theme as a cohesive series of three interconnected parts, taking place on the same day of the week for 3 weeks in a row! #ScheduleSmart <http://phecanada.ca/virtual2021>



- From Rose Pillay: **PLAYBuilder** is a website <https://schoolpapl.ca/professional-development/playbuilder/> that provides educators with 700+ games and 100+ lesson plans for Grades K- 7. By registering, you access, share, and organize games, activities and lesson plans.
- From DASH @DASHBC:
The January HSBC newsletter is now live! In the latest edition you will find info about:
 - Mini food grants from @BCMilk
 - The School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy Resource Hub - Plus other exciting updates
 - Check it out: <https://conta.cc/3pueQiE>
- Also from **DASH @DASHBC**:
Evidence-informed resources to help support BC educators, administrators and students in promoting healthy school communities. A collection of free printable resources: <https://dashbc.ca/resources/>
- More from **DASH @DASHBC**:
A new activity idea has been added to DASH's Healthy at School & Home resource bank! Check out the “**Spreading Joy**” activity for a fun way to facilitate connection between students and promote positive mental health: https://dashbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Jan221_MH_SpreadingJoy_KB-2.pdf
- Shared by Megan Venezia @venezia_megan: The #GreatKindnessChallenge begins next week! Created a resource in #jamboard where students can add kind acts that they do each day next week. Megan has also created digital valentine’s cards for classrooms. Check out her SEL resources on Twitter #SEL #KindnessMatters #BetterTogether #edchat #edutwitter.
- **Well-Being BC** was created for all schools, as part of a **school-based mental health** initiative <https://wellbeingbc.ca> **FREE** resources! Lots of expert videos, school-based videos, and easy to use toolkits for educators: <https://www.wellbeingbc.ca/>



- **Engaging All Learners in The Middle Years**
This series is receiving rave reviews! You can still register for Webinars #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: <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/webinars/> with thanks to SD #61 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. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/shelley-moore-30308766560> for **Part 4 on Planning with Purpose with Faye Brownlie (Wednesday**

February 10 at 3:30 pm) and Part 5 on Competency Based IEP Goals (Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 am).

- **BC Teacher Education Network @BCTENetwork**
Save the Date!!! Virtual conference on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. For Preservice Teachers, Teacher Educators, Teachers, and Educational Leaders.
- **Shared by ACBCED**
The **Assessment Consortium of British Columbia** is honored to host the first-ever virtual conference on assessment for BC Educators by BC educators – **Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 – 11:30 am**. This free event is open to anyone interested in assessment in BC. [#bced](#) [#acbcd](#)
For more information: <https://www.acbcd.ca/launch-learn>
- **FREE Pro-D:** Looking for a burst of learning & energy? Join the **Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE)** for the Feb 10 Learning Burst (4:00-4:30). They will be exploring student and teacher agency from an elementary and secondary p.o.v. Find out more & register: <http://noiie.ca/2020-learning-bursts/>

