

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"

Hello everyone! I am excited to be working and learning with you once again as we strive to **LIVE OUR FAITH** in our Catholic schools and Diocese.

May our work this year support Indigenous peoples more fully and move us towards intentionally building classrooms and schools where **ALL** learners can thrive in cultures of inquiry, respect, and inspiration.

Every
child
MATTERS



Frances Roch, Principal of Learning Services

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.



WITH GRATITUDE ...

Welcome and thank you to the CISPG **Learning Services Team "LEADS"** who have graciously stepped forward to connect and communicate with teachers and schools across the CISPG Diocese:

Carmel Anderson - Sacred Heart

Amanda Catto - Veritas

Jenna Gilbertson - Notre Dame

Medalana Jardim - Annunciation

Maria Lagunas - St. Anthony's

Jen Mitchell - St. Joseph's

Melissa Murrin - St. Mary's

Emma Scantland - IC

As well, welcome back to **Melodie Van Der Meer**, our amazing Christian Education Consultant. Melodie can be reached at the following email:

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RESOURCES

All resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be advised that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of "strong 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you all for your wonderful contributions to our Padlet from the **2023 Co-Missioning Day!** <https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/living-our-faith-bc-catholic-schools-theme-2023-2024-kh3culhx8y1je14v>. Please feel free to add more examples of how you live your faith throughout the year!

As shared at the Co-Missioning Day, you can access these documents which connect the Christian Education Curriculum to two of our most common resources - Alive in Christ and FORMED.org.

Alive in Christ Curricular Connections- https://cispagca-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/mvandermeer_cispagca/EfVHslyfxEVPpea6QA9A52sBF2gobNor-hizON0WnDwNCw?e=OsDvSq.docx

FORMED.org Curricular Connections - https://cispagca-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/mvandermeer_cispagca/EUOhIXbSXtRKtWu0FqQzQmABD0rCQkZJW2ljGxYZ-VyTfQ?e=3r1PRK.docx

This month's **Catholic Social Teaching** focus is **Economic Justice**. To see how it connects to Core Competencies and to access a student self-reflection sheet, explore this slide deck. https://www.canva.com/design/DAFvHr-L-RU/QRi0lgAHwF13clHBjuf_qg/edit?utm_content=DAFvHr-L-RU&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

LITERACY

- Primary Teachers - Follow **POPEY** and check their website frequently ☺
- See **POPEY Professional Learning opportunities offered on October 20** (below under Professional Learning) and register here: <https://www.popey.ca/calendar#list>



- BC's new **K-12 Learning Pathways** are now posted on the Ministry's curriculum website. This includes the re-imagined **literacy** and **numeracy** performance standards, now called Learning Progressions: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/learning-pathways>. And a note from Janice Novakowski @jnovakowski - To clarify, in BC, we define literacy & numeracy, separately, yet connected, to ELA & math. We have clearly defined curriculum required learning standards for ELA and math. These new resources are optional supports **connecting literacy, and numeracy to all areas of learning**.
- From **Cult of Pedagogy** - This conversation is a must read for anyone interested in the topic of how we teach reading. My guests @Jserravallo and @KellyBCartwig1 offer level-headed, nuanced insights about the teaching

moves we need to build strong, confident readers: **Untangling the Debate Over Reading Instruction**
<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/reading-instruction/>

- Shared by **Rose Pillay** @RosePillay 1 - Children's literacy website, **Storyline Online**, streams videos, featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations, includes supplemental curriculum developed by an elementary educator: <https://storylineonline.net/>

NUMERACY

- Shared by **Janice Novakowski** @jnovakowski38 - **PLANNING & DESIGN 2023** including yearly, monthly and weekly planning overviews: <https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/planning-and-designing-2023/>

PLEASE CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING SITE - NOTE the **K-7 Assessment in Mathematics** section.

As well, please check out Janice's year-end **BLOG POST - A MUST READ:**

<https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/2023/06/22/a-year-in-review-2022-2023/>

- Also from **Janice Novakowski** @jnovakowski38 - Here are the websites we looked at to learn about free, online resources. Teachers particularly liked the **Coast Metro site**: <https://coastmetro.ca/elementary-math-project/> Also referenced are the **BC Numeracy Network** @Bcnumeracy: <https://sites.google.com/view/bc-numeracy-network> and **SD #38 blog** (see above).

- Janice also focused on the importance of instructional routine in Mathematics as they can be used across the curriculum and focus on **Math curricular competencies** (see chart):

- From Numeracy guru, **Marian Small** @marian_small - Hi everyone. I am so pleased with my website refresh. Have a look at <http://onetwainfinity.ca>

- Another **MUST USE Numeracy Resource** is **youcubed**: <https://www.youcubed.org/>. Educators like Jo Boaler have created a team whose mission is to "inspire, educate and empower teachers of mathematics, transforming the latest research on maths learning into accessible and practical forms". Check out their posters as well: <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/posters/>

And if you have not yet seen their **2023 Week of Inspirational Math**, free lesson ideas to start the school year, the link is here: <https://www.youcubed.org/week-inspirational-math/>

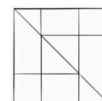
- Shared by **Greg Tang** - Tang-A-Row is great for developing both problem-solving & computational skills. Is there a place for guess & check? Yes. As a last resort! Computation is all about reasoning. Week-in-week-out, thoughtful & strategic practice - that's how we build the skills our kids need. Check out <https://tangmath.com/puzzles>
- From Ashley Aoki @MissAshleyAoki - The **SNAP (student numeracy assessment & practice)** has provided me a window into my learners' strengths and stretch points in math. I feel like I have a clear roadmap for where we're going and how to make it visible to learners: <https://snap.sd33.bc.ca/>

why high-yield instructional routines?

- regular practice that has multiple entry points, open-ended and personalized
- helps to build a mathematical community in the classroom
- collaborative
- encourages mathematical discourse
- responsive and inclusive
- focus on a pedagogy of noticing and listening
- focus on number sense
- many can be used across mathematical curricular content strands
- focus on curricular competencies

Instructional Routines

- Counting Collections
- Choral Counting
- Number of the Day
- Number Talks
- Number Talk Images
- Unit Chats/How Many?
- WODB
- Same but Different
- Cube Conversations
- Splat!
- Esti-Mysteries
- Fraction Talks
- Clothesline
- Estimation 180
- Numberless Word Problems
- Three-Act Tasks
- Visual Patterns
- Slow Reveal Graphs



- From **Make Math Moments** @MakeMathMoments Are you registered for the largest, high impact, and FREE math professional learning event of the year? Grab your free seat now: <https://summit.makemathmoments.com/> November 17, 18, 19 (weekend). **Great list of speakers!!!**
- From Pam Harris @pwharris – Sometimes students need more time than they need more help: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1062400/13527746> **Math Is Figure-Out-Able**



- From **Megan Zeni** @Roomtoplay – Our Patterns in Nature kit developed in partnership with @jnovakowski38 and @classgardener is now available from @TheOLStore: https://outdoorlearningstore.com/browse-shop/?product_orderby=date
- From Steve Wyborney @stevewyborney.com - Whether you are looking for **Esti-Mysteries, Estimation Clipboards, Splat resources**, or anything else, you can find it here: <https://stevewyborney.com/>.
- ANOTHER MUST CHECK SITE:** <https://www.peterliljedahl.com/teachers/numeracy-tasks> **FREE ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS for Numeracy Tasks** for Grades K-8 by Dr. Peter Liljedahl

EXPLORATIONS

- See **Science Journal for Kids and Teens:** <https://www.sciencejournalforkids.org/>



- From **Take Me Outside** – Register Now for **Take Me Outside Day** for amazing speakers all week long! It's sure to inspire you to head beyond the 4 walls of a classroom. Sign up and get free access to all the events and chances to win amazing prizes: <https://takemeoutside.ca/today/>



- From **Gillian Judson** @perfinker – Follow @CBEENetwork, @TheOLStore for more info! Fantastic lineups of FREE PD for Fall and a ton of resources for outdoor learning!

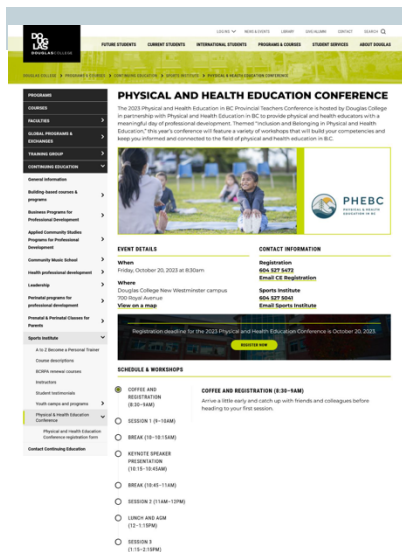
- From the Outdoor Learning Team - We have launched **3 new courses** and **2 new outdoor learning kits!**
Early Bird Registration is OPEN for 3 New Virtual Courses:
 - Fall, 2023: **Outdoor Play-Based Learning Course** - starts Oct 16
 - Winter, 2024: **Nature Activities Course** - starts Jan 17
 - Spring, 2024: **Wild Learning Course** - starts Mar 27**Plus, 2 NEW Learning Kits are now available, and on sale!**
 - Patterns in Nature Class Kit**

- **Strong Science Animals: Indigenous Resource Bundle**

[Sign-up to join us](#) as we launch the new [Patters in Nature Kit](#) with Megan Zeni and Janice Novakowski, the co-creators of this kit. When you [register](#) you'll receive a discount code to help you access this kit, and all of our other [Outdoor Learning Resources, Equipment, Tools & Training!](#)

As always, **100% of proceeds** from [The Outdoor Learning Store](#) goes back into supporting non-profit initiatives.

PHE/SEL

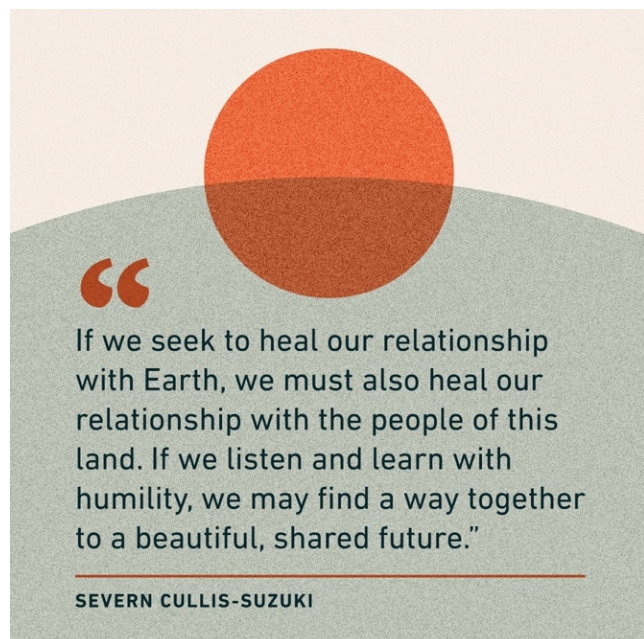


- From **Physical & Health Education BC @PHEinBC** - We are excited to offer another hybrid conference this year on **Friday, October 20** to stay connected through BC. Info on our site: <https://pheinbc.com/psa-day-conference-2023/>

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - EXPLORE from Teach Magazine: **Indigenous Voices** - lesson plans (elementary, middle and secondary). Exploring, sharing, and discussing stories about the lives, joys, and experiences of Indigenous peoples is important as it relates to the land we now call Canada and our moral imperative to move forward with the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As readers connect with stories by Indigenous storytellers, they are also working to connect to the land on which they live, work, and play. <https://teachmag.com/archives/21814> PDF:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/94fcvq2y3ufz49jj87afq/h?dl=0&preview=TTB_Indigenous_Voices_LP.pdf&rlkey=hmwup4x5y9wnpy2cru476lp62



- From **Science World Teacher Resources @ScienceWorldTR** - Registration is open until October 15 for the upcoming **4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning**: <https://outdoorlearningstore.com/4-seasons/>
This online learning opportunity includes an amazing line-up of Indigenous presenters and self-paced learning content.
- From SD 42 (Maple Ridge) - Grade 6/7 students at Maple Ridge Elementary learned about the **importance of land acknowledgments** and wrote their own, as part of Truth and Reconciliation Week.
Learn more: <https://www.sd42.ca/district-highlight/students-land-acknowledgements/>
- And if you haven't already seen this beautiful **Land Acknowledgment by Grade 2** students at Maddaugh Elementary, take a look: <https://vimeo.com/719699906>

- **Carolyn Roberts @mcarolynroberts** invites you to explore her website where you can find her publications, videos, Keynotes and Presentations: <https://www.carolynroberts.net/> This is a great place to have a listen to Indigenous educators, authors, and leaders about what the work is: <https://www.walkinginrelation.com/>

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



• **She's BACK!!!** Check out **Shelley Moore's 5 Moore Minutes new SEASON** here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hp-xls9O4I4&t=101s>

• Check out Shelley's **excellent blog** here: <https://blogsomemoore.com/>

- From Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung - Students who set their own goals and get regular feedback on progress have higher levels of achievement in general, beyond only the goals they set (Hattie, 2009; Henderlong et al, 2007). Here's a template: (see right)
- Also from Lee Ann Jung - "Conferencing with students to reflect on progress and co-construct feedback and next steps is some of the best assessment we can engage in. And it **IS instruction**, not time away from instruction."

ASSESSMENT/REPORTING

- From **Shannon Schinkel** @DramaQueenBRC - The new **Reporting Order** is our chance to get on the Standards Based Grading train. Here's my post, "Building Criteria for BC's Curricular Competencies Using Backward Design": <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/2023/06/11/building-criteria-for-bcs-curricular-competencies-using-backward-design/>

Shannon also has a 20-minute video on **Where To Start With The New Reporting Order** If You Don't Know Where To Start: <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/2023/08/31/b-c-s-new-reporting-order-where-to-start-if-you-dont-know-where-to-start/>

BC is moving to a reporting system without letter or number grades

So what does this system look like?

- 1 The new reporting matches BC's focus on core competencies and higher-order learning.
- 2 Teachers will provide feedback in accessible language that describes where students are in their learning including a "proficiency scale" that shows a student's progress.
- 3 Instead of letter grades or percentages, the new reporting focuses on "descriptive feedback" and includes self-assessment from students based on core competencies.
- 4 Parents will receive an information package and communications about students' progress at least 5 times per year.
- 5 For students to successfully transition to post-secondary learning, letter grades and percentages will remain in the graduation years.

People for Education



K-12 Student Reporting Webinar Series - The eight module webinar series provides educators, school leaders, and district leaders with important information about the new K-12 Student Reporting Policy. The webinar modules included in the series were designed to be watched on their own, or to be shown as part of a staff meeting or professional learning opportunity for further conversation: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/k-12-student-reporting-webinar-series>.

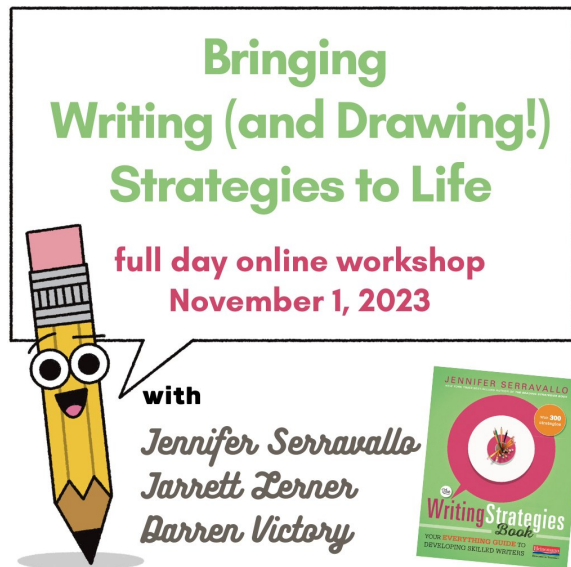
**Dance like no one is watching,
but text and email like it will be read in court one day.**

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING



Click here for details and registration: <https://www.c2c-bc.org/annual-gathering-2023>

Shared by **Jennifer Serravallo** @JSerravallo - @Jarrett_Lerner, my colleague @darvictory and I have been dreaming up an engaging day of learning about writing and illustration for K-8 learners. This and other workshops here: <https://www.jenniferserravallo.com/calendar>



- Shared by Tammy Renyard @ TammyRenyard - **Engaging All Learners in the Middle Years** - We are back folks!! Please register here. Looking forward to continued conversations: <https://elvlc.educ.ubc.ca/2023/08/31/engaging-all-learners-in-the-middle-years-2024/>

Our multi-part webinar series is led by Dr. Leyton Schnellert and Tammy Renyard, featuring special guests every session.

- **Tuesday, October 17** – Brittani Hislop, Lynda Lee, Joanne Calder
- **Thursday, Nov 23** – Shelley Moore, Belinda Chi, Bryan Gidinski, Marna Macmillan, Kiran Abraham
- **Tuesday, Jan 30** – Angela Stott, Jennifer Eddie, Rebecca Labonville
- **Tuesday, Apr 23** – Nikki Lineham, Kendra Jacobs

- **The four webinars will be recorded. Register once and attend any or all of the sessions!**



Connecting the Pieces
The Early Years Conference

Friday, October 20, 2023



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OUR
Conference

Join the Langley School District on **Friday, October 20, 2023**, for our annual conference dedicated to professional development for kindergarten teachers and early childhood educators, **Connecting the Pieces**.

Our workshops feature an extensive line-up of both local and internationally renowned experts in early learning that have agreed to share their innovative ideas for working with young learners.



Register
Today!



Registration for popular sessions fills quickly. Do not miss this amazing opportunity! Register online.

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 **Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years**
Free Online Workshops - Friday, October 20th

A Comprehensive Framework for High Impact Reading & Writing Instruction

Join POPEY for an engaging two-hour online workshop, as we simulate a dynamic and interactive primary literacy block that includes:

- Interconnected language, reading, and writing experiences
- Mini-lessons within a workshop format that provides scaffolded supports for small group work and independent practice


When: Friday, October 20th
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am (PST)

We Are All Writers! Building K-3 Students' Identity as Growing Writers

Join POPEY for an interactive two-hour online workshop, as we explore:

- evidence-based instructional practices, strategies, and routines to support young writers in building their writing identity, confidence, and skillset
- developing writing for authentic purposes and audiences within classroom communities of storytellers

When: Friday, October 20th
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm (PST)

[Register on POPEY's EVENTS page](#) **POPEY** 

EARLY BIRD PRICING AND BENEFITS UNTIL SEPT. 30

mypita 2023 FALL CONFERENCE

20 OCTOBER

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ON OCTOBER 15 FOR IN-PERSON AND ON OCTOBER 20 FOR ONLINE

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myPITA Fall Conference

When: Friday, October 20, 2023

Fees: BCTF Members - **Early Bird** \$130.00 **Regular** \$170.00

[View the Schedule HERE](#)

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