

# Schools United

*Education Professionals United in Christ*

## Schools United Professional Development Day 2024 LIST OF SESSIONS

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### BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1 and #2

#1 - 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

#2 - 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

#### **Biblical Integration in the ELA Classroom**

Sessions 1 & 2

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2003

Building 2

2nd Floor

Erica Herrera

Jupiter Christian School

Have you ever wondered how you can integrate the Bible into your ELA classroom? In this breakout session, we will discuss how you can integrate the Bible in your classroom through literature, lesson plans, writing assignments, and more! We will work on developing biblically integrated lesson plans, and I will share some of my favorite novels that are both academically enriching and faith based.

#### **Dyslexia Basics**

Sessions 1 & 2

Elementary, Middle School, High School, ESE

Room 33041

Building 3

3rd Floor

Brenda Pedrayes

Westminster Christian School

This presentation introduces dyslexia, a condition that affects reading, writing, and spelling. It covers what dyslexia is, how common it is, and what causes it. The session also explains how dyslexia affects thinking and language skills. It ends with practical tips and resources for supporting those with dyslexia. Participants will leave with a better understanding of dyslexia and how to help people with this condition.

### **Effective Behavior Management in Christian Schools**

Sessions 1 & 2

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Teaching Assistants, ESE

Room 2020

Building 2

2nd Floor

Amanda Torres

Living Water Christian Academy

Join us for a session on 'Effective Behavior Management in Christian Schools.' Discover strategies to understand and address difficult behaviors in students through a lens of Christian values and principles. Learn how to foster positive connections, implement support systems, and guide hearts and minds toward a harmonious educational experience. This 45-minute session is designed to empower teachers and administrators in Christian private schools to create a nurturing and faith-driven environment for their students.

### **Flavors of Teaching: Differentiated Instruction**

Sessions 1 & 2

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2049

Building 2

2nd Floor

Rachel Santopietro

***BJU Press - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Your mother told you to be sure to eat from all the food groups. But some teachers “feed” all their students the same kind of instruction! Learn how to differentiate your teaching to meet students’ diverse educational needs using a well-rounded plate of strategies.

### **It's Chapel Time!**

Sessions 1 & 2

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Discipleship  
Room 33040

Building 3

3rd Floor

Caitlyn Giannetti

Central Baptist Academy

Chapel time should be one of the highlights of any Christian school. It is an opportunity to bring students across grade levels together to grow spiritually and socially. Get some fresh ideas to make your school's chapel time more engaging, fun, and spiritually fruitful.

### **All About Jesus! Christ-Centered Behavior Guidance in the Early Childhood Classroom**

Sessions 1 & 2

Early Childhood

Elementary Media Center 2050A

Building 2

2nd Floor

Julie Brasington

Bethany Christian School

In this fun and engaging session, you will learn how to celebrate Jesus in every detail as you shepherd little hearts in the preschool classroom. We will discover how to disciple preschoolers in the Lord's ways as well as learn about new Christ-centered resources available for preschool teachers.

### **Divine Design - Seeing God's Order**

Sessions 1 & 2

All Staff

Room 33009

Building 3  
3rd Floor  
Mark Merrill

Calvary Christian Academy Fort Lauderdale

“. . . If we are born of God we will see His guiding hand . . . We can all see God in exceptional things, but it requires the growth of spiritual discipline to see God in every detail. Never believe that the so-called random events of life are anything less than God’s appointed order. Be ready to discover His Divine Designs anywhere and everywhere. “ - Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, November 14 devotional excerpt

**Understanding Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Confusion:  
Ministering Both Biblically and Compassionately**

Sessions 1 & 2

All Staff

Calvary Halls

***Dr. Julie Hamilton - CONFERENCE SPEAKER***

**A Clearly Christian Education**

Sessions 1 & 2 - SESSIONS 1 & 2 OR SESSION 2 ONLY?

All Staff

Room 34002A

Building 3

4th Floor

Stefan Wilson

The Colson Center for Christian Worldview

This session will identify the end goal of Christian education and the essential elements that must be present to ensure that the end goal is achieved. Participants will walk away with practical, applicable steps for more intentionally carrying out their mission as a Christian institution.

## **BREAKOUT SESSION #1**

**10:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

### **21st Century Governance for Christian Schools**

Session 1 only

Heads of School, Administrators

Room 34001B

Building 3

4th Floor

Ken Schuetz

#### ***Aligned Influence Consulting - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Ken Schuetz (Aligned Influence) and Anthony Campbell (Oasis Christian Academy) will present an overview of how a 21st century approach to transformational governance impacted all aspects of the way the school functions today. Key concepts will include proper alignment between the roles of the Board and the Head of School, policy sets and functions.

### **Action Teaching**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary

Room 2048

Building 2

2nd Floor

Rhyanne Carrington

Miami Union Adventist Academy

This session will be all about teaching that integrates movement, and hands-on activities to enhance learning.

### **AP Language and Composition - The way to be successful**

Session 1 only

High School

Room 32029A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Nancy Stack

The King's Academy

This session will give helpful tips to managing an AP Language classroom and get results

### **Before You Hit “Send”: Best Practices for Email Communication**

Session 1 only

All Staff

Room 32001B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Alyssa Mendez

Calvary Christian Academy Fort Lauderdale

Do you spend hours of your work day in your inbox? As we navigate a world with ever-changing digital trends, email still remains the top communication tool for organizations. School employees, in particular, rely heavily on email to communicate with parents, students, and colleagues to discuss upcoming activities, address questions/concerns, and provide/receive feedback. In this practical workshop, you’ll learn best practices to implement and pitfalls to avoid that will help you craft impactful emails that capture your reader’s attention and generate the response you are hoping for – all while using your unique voice and being mindful of God’s communicative nature.

### **Bible Storying**

Session 1 only

High School

Room 32030A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Jim Sims

Berean Christian

Combine Bible teaching with storytelling to help students grasp 35 Bible stories while growing in their ability to communicate effectively in front of a group.

### **Biblical Character: What Is It and How Can You Teach It?**

Session 1 only

All Staff

Sanctuary

***Dr. Kathy Koch - CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

Biblical character will set your students apart and allow them to change culture. (The same is true for you.) Learn how biblical character is different from Christlike character and what qualities to prioritize. Learn what to understand and do so students will have a positive, complete character that increases obedience.

**Biblical Citizenship in Modern America**

Session 1 only

High School, Administrators

Room 34001A

Building 3

4th Floor

Laura Hennebery

Abundant Life Christian Academy

Interested in becoming a Constitutional Coach of Biblical Citizenship in Modern America? Come and learn about Patriot Academy's class that journeys through the Bible and American history to discover the secret to our nation's foundation. Dive into our nation's Constitution and consider fostering the education of families and communities into what it means to be in the world but not of the world (Romans 12:2).

**Building a Sustainable Financial Model**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School, Finance Room 34003A

Building 3

4th Floor

Brandon Allen

***Fortify Foundation - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Exploring the current financial trends in Christian Education. What facilitates the majority of Christian School's operating costs? Is Fundraising necessary? Will schools be able to pay their bills AND will families be able to afford Christian education in the future?

**Changing Your Staff Culture**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 34002B

Building 3

4th Floor

Laura Pecina

Colonial Christian School

The Way of the Shepherd! There is no wisdom like the wisdom of the Father. Join me in reviewing this amazing template for shepherding your staff.

### **Characteristics of a Vibrant Christian School**

Session 1 only

All Staff

Theater

***Jeff Keaton - CONFERENCE SPEAKER***

### **Developing Purposeful Music and Theatre Experiences**

Session 1 only

Specials

Room 31092

Building 3

1st Floor

Marlene Dickinson

Faith Based Student Musicals

"The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller." - Steve Jobs  
Jobs said it, Jesus did it, God invented it: Storytelling. If you oversee Drama or Music, you are the steward of a life-changing power. Whether you are an experienced Director or drafted from the Math Department, we're here to help. We offer strategies on selecting material, scheduling rehearsals, teaching songs, directing scenes, developing staging and choreography, communicating with parents, and keeping everyone engaged in the process. We'll leave time for Q and A to learn from one another and bounce ideas off a life-long music and theatre professional. For emerging leaders to experienced professionals.

### **Diving into S.T.E.M. with Research and God's Word**

Session 1 only



Elementary, Middle School, High School, Specials  
Room 34017  
Building 3  
4th Floor

Lindsay Laughner

Boca Raton Christian School and University of Miami Shark Research and Conservation

Educators will have the opportunity to learn how to integrate ocean and shark research, data, and technology, into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math as an engaging way to connect students to God's creation, explore career paths, and take action to be good stewards of God's creation. We will also explore local resources and programs that provide opportunities for students to participate as citizen scientists in real research projects and environmental stewardship. I hope you will dive in with me as we explore the ocean through the lens of Christ!

### **Effective Scripture Engagement Strategies for Christian Schools**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Athletic Directors

Room 33031

Building 3

3rd Floor

Tyler Andrews

Spanish River Christian School

Join us in this interactive breakout session tailored for educators of all grades passionate about nurturing spiritual growth in their students. In a world brimming with distractions, equipping young minds with effective Scripture engagement tools is essential. In this workshop, we will delve into innovative methods and activities designed to deepen students' understanding and enjoyment of the Bible.

### **Elevate Your Assessment Strategy**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Room 32001A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Kelley Hill

Sheridan Hills Christian School

Talk during the test? Make corrections during the quiz? Break the regurgitate-and-forget cycle of assessment by implementing fresh strategies that will bless your students and set them up to more fully show you what they know.

### **Elevating the Teaching Profession**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 32003B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Brian Carruthers

#### ***Bob Jones University - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

What is the future of the teaching profession? In the midst of growing need for quality teachers, join us for a collaborative discussion on the recruitment, retention, and the professional development of Christian school teachers.

### **Fighting Against Cultures Lies**

Session 1 only

All Staff

Room 33021

Building 3

3rd Floor

Matt Weston

Jupiter Christian School

How to show your students/athletes the flaws of what the world tells us and point them to the truth of the Gospel. Head & Heart discussion & testimony.

### **Fine Line Between Art and the Mission Field**

Session 1 only

Specials

Room 2050C

Building 2

2nd Floor

James Cichewicz

Atlantic Christian Academy

Building off of my workshop last year, we explore practical ways to shine a light in an increasingly secular world of fine arts.

### **Flourishing in God's Purpose: Cultivating a Growth Mindset**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 33023

Building 3

3rd Floor

Cecelia Bosma

Grand Canyon University

In this course, educators will explore the transformative power of mindset growth. Drawing on the research of Carol Dweck, We will turn principles into practical strategies emphasizing the importance of perseverance and hope for a flourishing growth mindset. Participants will reflect on their own mindsets in the context of learning, aligning these insights with their higher purpose of serving God and fulfilling their calling in education. Educators will leave with actionable tools to foster growth mindsets in students, fostering not only academic success but also spiritual and personal growth. By intertwining practical strategies with a higher purpose, educators play a pivotal role in shaping a generation that thrives academically and spiritually, contributing to a culture of learning and growing God's Kingdom.

### **I Can Be a B+ Teacher**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, ESE

Room 33042

Building 3

3rd Floor

Richard Roberts

Berean Christian School

Balancing life inside and outside of the classroom. Sometimes we have to "Just say NO!" and focus on the most important things

## **iCheat: Staying One Step Ahead of the Devices**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Room 33025

Building 3

3rd Floor

Jenny Copeland

### ***BJU Press - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Technology is no longer a novelty in education; it is a vital and powerful force! But while we focus our attention on finding the newest tool or incorporating the most fabulous app, are we remaining vigilant about the potential misuses of technology? From devices to apps and even now to generative AI, technology tools are constantly evolving and making cheating easier. It is vital that educators are aware of the tools available and of what students are facing today. In this session, specific cheating methods, as well as specific safeguarding and accountability strategies, will be presented. Come get ideas of how to protect your classroom and guide your students in making God-honoring decisions in their use of technology.

## **Impacting Others Through PE & Athletics**

Session 1 only

Athletic Directors, Physical Education

Room 33020

Building 3

3rd Floor

Josh Good

Boca Raton Christian

What I've learned in my 22 years as a teacher and coach. Practical ways, lessons, activities to impact lives for the Kingdom and cheer on young people to have fun, work hard, glorify God. Changing lives through Physical Fitness.

## **Integrating Social Studies and Language Arts**

Session 1 only

Elementary

Room 2035

Building 2

2nd Floor

Elizabeth Welch

Jupiter Christian School

Ever feel like you never have time to teach Social Studies? How would it be beneficial to you and your students if you were able to integrate language arts and social studies. Come learn some new ways on how to integrate your history units into Language Arts. Be prepared to participate and leave with some new ways to ideas on how to integrate Social Studies and Language Arts.

### **Invisible Disabilities in Educational Settings**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Teaching Assistants, ESE

Room 2001

Building 2

2nd Floor

Sherry Zimmermann

Calvary Christian Academy

There are many students with disabilities that may not be apparent on a daily basis. We will provide examples of what the disabilities may look like and how they affect a student's ability to function in the educational setting. Participants will learn how they can accommodate, understand, and assist these students with the love of Jesus. This session will be interactive to facilitate learning.

### **Keys to Unlocking Academic Success through Music Integration for Preschool and Elementary Students**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary

Room 2019

Building 2

2nd Floor

Debbie Wolf

Cairn University

This workshop will demonstrate how songs and music activities can help young children remember concepts and processes by providing examples and principles for successful music integration. Participants will take home

a variety of music activities to enhance learning in other subjects and the knowledge to select or create music activities to meet their students' needs.

## **Leadership in the Elementary Classroom: The Role of Creative Followership**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Teaching Assistants

Room 2006

Building 2

2nd Floor

Christy Mahoudeau

Kendall Christian School

Leadership in the Elementary Classroom: The Role of Creative Followership explores the significance of adopting followership in elementary education as a pivotal stone toward leadership. Followership is a concept Jesus Christ modeled to us during his earthly ministry, where he exemplified the qualities of a compassionate and transformative follower until the end. Throughout history, we find extraordinary models of followers who moved on to become influential leaders. This presentation offers a toolkit of strategies for educators, showcasing how followership principles can be effectively integrated into the classroom. Christian educators have a high calling to train and shape future leaders; let's challenge them to focus on being better followers before becoming great leaders.

## **Learners or Grade-Earners? The Power of a Growth Mindset in Our AI World**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School, Administrators

Room 32002B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Racheal Childers

Jupiter Christian School

My teachers always said that we needed to memorize definitions, spelling, maps, math facts, the periodic table, etc., because we wouldn't always have a dictionary/ map/ encyclopedia/ calculator in our pockets. Turns out, they were wrong. In a world of instant access to information and AI, our role

as educators has become even more vital. Students need to be able to analyze information, think critically, and evaluate what is truth from an incredibly young age. In this session, we will discuss the growing impact of AI in education and our opportunity to create a culture of growth mindsets through student engagement and intentional assessments. We will collaborate and discuss small steps we can take to transform rote memorization, packets, and other easily googled information into discussion, presentation, and authentic opportunities.

### **Making Lessons “Sticky” – Improving Student Retention of Material While Changing Their Mindset**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 32031B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Kevin Spingler

Jupiter Christian School

In this session simple ideas, based on brain research, will assist you in improving your student's memory retention of what you teach.

### **Mastering the Art of Classroom Harmony**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Administrators, Teaching Assistants

Room 2046

Building 2

2nd Floor

Marilyn Dardenne

Fellowship Academy

One of the most unchallenged assumptions in Christian schools is that students come to school well behaved, ready to learn, and with parents who support their students' teachers. In fact, most teachers state behavior management as one of the most challenging -- and discouraging -- aspects of their jobs. This workshop will highlight classroom management strategies sustain high levels of engagement and self management for students and empower teachers to stay come and to stay calm and deliberate when

presented with difficult classroom situations. These tools are low-tech and provide students with the skills they need for lifelong success.

### **Maximizing Learning with AI: Your Personal Teaching Assistant**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Upper School Library Media Center (LMC) 33004

Building 3

3rd Floor

Kathryn Nguyen

Calvary Christian Academy

An engaging workshop designed to help educators harness the power of AI as a personal teaching assistant. This workshop is designed for educators who want to maximize their impact by effectively integrating AI as a teaching assistant. Unlock the potential of AI in education, from understanding its foundations to using it for practical enhancements in the classroom, ultimately boosting student engagement and learning outcomes.

### **Meeting the Needs of All Learners**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, ESE, Administrators

Room 32032

Building 3

2nd Floor

Tiffany Easom

Colonial Christian School

Teaching a class of varied ability levels can be challenging when students have so many different needs. We will be discussing how to use a Response to Intervention approach to educate all students and provide opportunities for remediation and enrichment for your students. We'll review how to conduct how to determine which students are in need of more support, how to conduct small groups within the classroom, and how to refer students for further help if needed. Information regarding a school wide program to improve student support will also be discussed.



## **More than Academics: Balancing the Continual Altar of Sacrifice**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2272

Building 1

2nd Floor

Dr. James Ridgley

### ***Abeka - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

In a world where more and more expectations are being demanded of its teachers, we grow concerned that our ministry is quietly becoming an “unreasonable” sacrifice. Come to a session that will help you realize and achieve a ministry/personal life balance so that so you can be more energized and enthusiastic in your ministry.

## **Morning Tub Magic**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary

Room 2002

Building 2

2nd Floor

Natalie Belvedere

Westminster Christian School

Mornings in the primary grades can be madness. Teachers are trying to juggle so many things and our littlest learners may struggle with transitioning into the classroom for learning. This session will provide an alternative to morning worksheets and provide students with the motivation to enter the classroom and begin their day with fun and engaging morning learning that helps support fine motor development, socio-emotional skills, and academic skills all while allowing you time in the morning to complete your morning teacher-to-do list!

## **Neurosensorymotor Reflex Integration and The Child**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Teaching Assistants, ESE

Room 32007

Building 3

2nd Floor

Aury Venegas

Calvary Christian Academy

Learning and sharing about Neuro-Sensory Integration is my passion, it has been an eye opening experience to see children, education (and parenting) in a different way. If we take a look at the child's senses we will be able to better understand their behavior and, as a result, to better connect and train in the way they should go. Just as a good foundation is essential to support a building, a good foundation in a child's body will allow him to explore, enjoy, and learn academic skills. Organizing the senses and the maturation of primary reflexes are important in the first three to eight years of life to effectively reduce or avoid a dysfunction later on. It is the groundwork for learning and positive behavior. Understanding child development affects and shapes our way to interact, teach and work with children. In this workshop, we will explore some of the foundational and major contributors to what we know today as Child Development and how we can bring their theories to practice inside our classrooms. We will explore materials, lessons they developed, and ways to use these tools to create meaningful learning experiences. These allows us to use education as a tool for sharing the gospel. We will also explore how to purposely work with retain primary reflexes, necessary for a child's learning experience in a classroom environment.

### **New Teacher Program: Creating a Systemic New Teacher Induction Program at the School**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 34003B

Building 3

4th Floor

Cristiana Assumpcao

Spanish River Christian School

In this session, we will be discussing the New Teacher Program that we have implemented in our school to assist new teachers, regardless of their level of experience in the field. We have taken inspiration from other schools and reference materials such as Harry Wong's "New Teacher Induction" and "The First Days of School" books, and have developed a comprehensive system to support new teachers and their mentors

throughout the academic year. The program is designed to help them navigate the school culture and ensure a smooth transition into their new roles. We will review the program handbook and the tools that help us monitor each mentor-mentee pair and provide feedback for improvement. These tools include online interaction logs for every meeting, online verification of service logs every quarter, classroom observation rubrics, and more. During the event, there will be an opportunity for attendees to share their personal experiences with the aim of enhancing our collective efforts in training, supporting, and retaining new teachers. Additionally, a guide on creating teacher induction programs will be provided to participants to enable them to establish their own programs at their respective schools.

### **Nurturing Young Minds through Talk: Bridging Theory and Practice**

Session 1 only  
Early Childhood  
Room 2047  
Building 2  
2nd Floor  
Julie Hartman

#### ***Bob Jones University - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

This workshop is designed for teachers, administrators, and anyone passionate about early childhood education. Join us as we examine the value of talk through a developmental lens while incorporating biblical principles and practical tools for enriching the learning experiences of young children. Together we will uncover the connections between oral language and later literacy development and discover the transformative potential of self-talk and interactive communication in the early childhood classroom. We aim to bridge theory with practice and empower educators to make a lasting impact on their students' lives.

### **Of Him and through Him and to Him: The Comprehensiveness of Christ in all our Teaching**

Session 1 only  
All Staff  
Room 32003A  
Building 3

2nd Floor

Bill Schott

Calvary Christian Academy

As we strive to integrate the Bible in all our teaching, this session will display how Christ comprehends all of reality, enabling us to imagine the possibilities of how Jesus is Lord of all subject matter. We will see how the biblical authors present the extraordinary through the ordinary as we accept the prophets' invitation to "Behold your God!"

### **Real Teaching-Engagement Immersion**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 32029B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Anna Silva

Real Life Christian Academy

How do you allow students to drive their own learning? Real teaching is finding creative and innovative ways to engage your students by immersing them in your daily lessons and allowing the student to be the driver behind their own learning. Student driven learning allows students to be both teacher and student and to find what they are passionate about along with unique ways that they learn. As teachers, we are often pulled in many directions to meet all the students needs. While, this is heroic, students can suffer because they are not responsible for their own learning and they do not find meaning behind it. It is imperative that students take responsibility for their education, but how can you develop that in your students? When you work to immerse and engage students effectively in lessons, they will learn and have fun doing it!

### **Relationship Tools to Overcome Student Collaboration Challenges**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2271

Building 1

2nd Floor

Laura Morris

## Calvary Christian Academy

The Tall Trees Leadership approach cultivates the growth of trees, symbolizing the development of individuals and teams. This unique communication tool nurtures mutual understanding and deepens appreciation for others, thereby fostering effective teamwork. By integrating the principles of Tall Trees Leadership with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards on collaboration, we aim to nurture the growth of students and teachers, enabling them to thrive in the modern 21st Century Classroom and enrich their learning experiences.

## **Seeds of Generosity: Nurturing a Culture of Giving in Christian Education**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 34002A

Building 3

4th Floor

Lara Gopp

### ***Fortify Foundation - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Join us for an interactive breakout session tailored for Christian schools seeking to weave a culture of generosity among old and new families. This session is designed to provide practical insights, strategies, and success stories that will empower school administrators, educators & parents to foster a community rooted in Christian values of compassion, service and giving.

## **Strategies to support ELLs with or without an ESL class**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School, ESE

Room 2240

Building 1

2nd Floor

Charity Moon

Wheaton Academy Institute

During this workshop we'll identify the academic fundamentals needed to support ELLs in the classroom whether they are mainstreamed or sheltered. We'll look at both English language skills to develop as well as

participation strategies. The principles we discuss will benefit any type of classroom!

### **Teacher Minister: Discipling our students via vocational discipleship**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Student Guidance

Room 32030B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Clifford Mack, Jr.

Calvary Christian Academy

This session will provide a venue to discuss techniques and methods that teacher ministers can implement when working with our students and parents via vocational discipleship. Participants will be able to engage in dialog with peers on best practices pertaining to supporting students with the identifying college, career and calling path. Additionally, attendees will brainstorm strategies for shepherding students and parents with students identifying their purpose, strength and skills set.

### **Teaching Bilingual Students: Materials and Methods...Now What?**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Teaching Assistants

Room 2050B

Building 2

2nd Floor

Kathy Schunk

Calvary Christian Academy

As bilingual students increase in South Florida, bilingual applicants to our schools also increase. Are we prepared to teach English learners and address their unique needs in a private school classroom? This session will provide an overview of bilingual education and the related statistics. In addition, participants will be introduced to program models and various language styles used by students, materials, methods, and strategies to consider.

### **Teaching Math for Success with the SAT and ACT**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School  
Room 33043  
Building 3  
3rd Floor  
Gary Moss

Highlands Christian Academy

90% of the preparation your students receive for the SAT and ACT math tests comes in their math classes. This workshop discusses strategies for teaching math that will help your students score higher on both tests.

These strategies apply to any math class and do not require more work or additional topics to be taught.

### **The "War between religion and Science"**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Room 34004

Building 3

4th Floor

Edgar Wooten

Westminster Christian School

This is a testimony of my journey from a science loving teen to my conversion to Christ at 16 and the conflict it created in my mind. I travel from my church to a Christian university (Bob Jones University, to study science), then to a major secular university (The George Washington University) then taking lectures from professors at Johns Hopkins university and others I was lead to my present understanding. I discovered Not only is there no "War" between the Bible and Science , but, in fact, the reading of the Bible caused the "scientific revolution". This is not a minority view but is the view of most historians, even atheist historians.

### **The Art of AI-Empowering Design: Canva Magic Studio**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2040C

Building 2

2nd Floor

Thea Kohlhepp

## Calvary Christian Academy

Are you ready to unlock the power of AI by transforming your ideas into stunning visuals. Welcome to the world of Canva Magic Studio – where imagination knows no bounds, and creativity reigns supreme. Canva Magic Studio is not just a design tool; it's a magic wand in your pocket! Get ready to embark on a journey filled with eye-catching graphics and engaging presentations – all while having a blast! We understand that the magic happens when you're hands-on, and that's why we encourage you to bring your own device (laptops preferred).

### **The Storm in my Head**

Session 1 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Teaching Assistants, ESE

Room 2060

Building 2

2nd Floor

Stacy Cox

Calvary Christian Academy

This is a session that helps a teacher get into the mind of a student with ADHD or other learning issues and the challenges they face.

### **Thinking Analytically: Integrating Writing to History Courses**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Room 33024

Building 3

3rd Floor

Brittany Gay

The King's Academy

This workshop is designed for educators of all levels and disciplines from upper elementary through high school Advanced Placement. Explore the essentials of well-designed and well-implemented writing-based learning and assignments that seek to activate higher level thinking. Discover new ways to engage students with writing strategies and workshop ideas that focus on developing skills while gaining content.



## **Using music effectively in the WL classroom**

Session 1 only

Middle School, High School

Room 32011

Building 3

2nd Floor

Menya Jefferson

Calvary Christian Academy

Ever wonder how to get your kids used to hearing more of the language that they're learning? Want to create more enjoyable and fab moments in your WL classroom? Join me as I present to you some of the fun and crazy ways that you can use music in the target language in your WL classroom. This workshop is suitable for MS/HS foreign language teachers.

## **Weaving Biblical Worldview into Any Elementary Curriculum**

Session 1 only

Elementary

Room 2015

Building 2

2nd Floor

Lisa Wood

### ***ACSI - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Are you ready to transform elementary education by integrating a powerful biblical worldview? Delve into six fundamental questions that every elementary student should confidently answer before stepping into middle school. Each question you explore will be fortified with scriptural references, providing you with the rock-solid foundation for why these questions are not just essential but biblically supported. Equip your students with the ability to navigate and debunk common secular worldviews they may encounter in their educational journey. We'll show you how to empower them with the timeless wisdom of scriptures, nurturing their faith and critical thinking skills. At the heart of this session is an educational veteran with over 17 years of experience in Christian textbook publishing, ready to unveil a groundbreaking approach to integrating biblical worldview into any curriculum.

## **What do I say? Language Development in Preschool**

Session 1 only

Early Childhood, Elementary

Room 2022

Building 2

2nd Floor

Lydia Callahan

### ***Palmetto-Fortis - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Let's talk about some specific ways to develop your student's vocabulary and letter awareness. Walk away with a list of new ways to encourage communication and create conversation with your little ones. Group input will be extremely valuable!

## **Why Do We Do What We Do?**

Session 1 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 32005

Building 3

2nd Floor

David Ray

### ***ACSI - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

This workshop is designed to encourage and challenge Christian educators in their God-given calling to teach and minister to the students the Lord has given them. Teaching, even in a Christian school, can be discouraging at times, but God has given us a mandate to train the next generation of leaders for Him. Come and refresh your calling!

## **Writing Warriors**

Session 1 only

Elementary

Room 2004

Building 2

2nd Floor

Madeline Dirube

Westminster Christian School

How does writing look like in our school? How can this help you implement a writing program in your setting? Learn how to plan your writing program

effectively for the year in a cohesive way so the students can excel as they move on to the next grade. Take a peek at our Year-At-A-Glance, our Writer's Notebooks, and some of our resources. Let's get excited about writing!

## **BREAKOUT SESSION #2**

**12:30 - 1:15 p.m.**

### **A Course about Nothing: AP Capstone building Christian Researchers**

Session 2 only

High School

Room 33043

Building 3

3rd Floor

Matt Ozolnieks

Calvary Christian Academy

AP Capstone courses prepare students to conduct college-level research using a variety of research techniques. Learn how to implement the AP Capstone at your school. Understand the benefits of AP Capstone for your students. Create and join a network of Christian AP Capstone teachers.

### **A Google Slides Tutorial: How To Present Youtube Videos without Ads, Banners, or Recommended Videos!**

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Session 2 only

Room 2001

Building 2

2nd Floor

Eric Deweber

Boca Raton Christian School

We've all been there... you know there's a video on youtube that will help you with your lesson, but even when you preload it, it runs an inappropriate/distracting advertisement that takes your classroom to a new level of chaos and brings on panic to the teacher; even if it doesn't derail your class, it feels unprofessional. You don't have to ever experience that again! Google's educational tools, in this case, google slides, enables you to use any resource on Youtube without running any advertisements before or during classroom videos, without any banner ads embedded over top of the screen, without any video recommendations that show at the end of the video. This breakout will also instruct teachers on how to create and use Google Slides for classroom instruction. This presentation is for any teacher who may ever need to show a video on Youtube; this session is

Youtube and Google Slide specific; it will not work with other video web formats. This year's presentation will also include updates to the google interface, as google has adapted what content is playable in a slideshow.

### **Adaptive Solutions: Seeing Our Challenges Anew**

Session 2 only

High School, Administrators

Room 34001A

Building 3

4th Floor

Anna Surratt

Norfolk Christian Schools

When faced with an adaptive challenge, we intuitively make assumptions about the root cause, reasons for a problem, and possible solutions - moving quickly from problem identification to solution generation. However, that swift movement often ignores the value systems, attitudes, competencies, beliefs, loyalties, identities, and coordinated efforts of the people and dynamics involved in shaping the problem. In this session, we will explore and practice counterintuitive strategies that help us slow down to listen to the problem through the experiences of those involved and break free from the status quo. By slowing down to see our challenges anew, we will speed up the trajectory of change by getting the information needed to more accurately diagnose the problem and better design solutions aligned to the needs communicated by those to whom you listened.

### **Addressing Cultural Matters from a Biblical Perspective**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School, Student Guidance

Room 32030B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Natalie Talpesh

Calvary Christian Academy

In light of our current cultural climate, teacher-ministers have to be aware and able to intentionally dialogue and respond to their students. In this session, we plan to define key social topics and how to address them with

your students, parents and staff. Teacher-ministers will be able to share these strategies and tools with their school community.

## **AI in Education: Transforming Learning with Artificial Intelligence**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Administrators

Room 32032

Building 3

2nd Floor

Kevin Menear

Calvary Christian Academy

In this talk, we explore the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the field of education. We begin by outlining the current challenges facing educators and students, such as lack of personalization, inefficient assessment methods, and limited resources for special education. We then delve into the various ways AI can address these issues, including personalized learning paths and intelligent tutoring systems. We discuss real-world examples and case studies that demonstrate the effective implementation of AI in classrooms, online courses, and educational software. Furthermore, we touch upon the ethical considerations and potential drawbacks, such as data privacy concerns and the risk of widening educational inequities. The talk aims to provide a balanced overview of the opportunities and challenges that come with integrating AI into educational settings, equipping educators, policymakers, and technologists with insights for the responsible adoption of AI in education.

## **An eternal value to every lesson**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School

Room 32001A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Zadoc Henry

Calvary Christian Academy

1. Who should my teaching glorify?
2. Why should each lesson bring honor to God?
3. How can I be sure that, not even me, take the credit away from the One

who gave me the opportunity, and ability I have(Luke 18:18)?

4. Exploring "the tree and fruit" analogy given by Jesus Christ(Matthew 12:33-34)

5. Understanding the process controlling what we speak(Prov. 16:23)

6. The work of the holy spirit in producing the desired fruit(Prov. 16:1, John 7:37 -38)

Summary

## **Approach the Reading "Chair" with Confidence!**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Teacher Assistants, ESE

Room 2019

Building 2

2nd Floor

Maryanna Wheeler

Parkridge Christian Academy

As reading is such a foundational skill that is the baseline for all academics, it is vital that our students start at the beginning with the written word. This session will cover concepts of print and why these are important skills to our students learning how to read. What should reading a big book experience look like? What are the different questions to ask a student during a read aloud to make it interactive? Practical centers for today's preschool and early elementary classroom will be shared as well as teaching anchor chart must haves to hit the most common skills on the "Concepts of Print" checklists.

## **Asking the Right Questions**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Teacher Assistants

Room 2022

Building 2

2nd Floor

Lydia Callahan

### ***Palmetto-Fortis - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Children are naturally curious and ask lots of questions. What are we doing, at every age level, to help them think more deeply, both about the types of questions they ask and how they answer questions being posed to

them? Come ready to discuss how our own personal view of Christ is deeply embedded in how and why we ask questions!

### **Living the Dream: Getting Students on Board**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Teacher Assistants

Room 2272

Building 1

2nd Floor

Dr. James Ridgley

#### ***Abeka - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Gaining the student's attention is the easy part. Keeping that attention throughout the lesson is often the difficulty. Learn techniques that set the atmosphere for learning as you teach students how to develop concentration skills that will last for a lifetime.

### **Battle of the Books: Library program for 3rd-5th grade readers**

Session 2 only

Elementary

Room 2004

Building 2

2nd Floor

Jaclyn Mckay

Boca Raton Christian School

If you're looking for an activity to get your students excited about reading, consider holding a Battle of the Books competition for your students.

Participants will learn how to get started with the program this school year to set up for the battle in the fall. Schools who sign up early will get to help choose books to include in the competition.

### **Brain Boosters: Applying the latest in brain research in K-12 classrooms**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, ESE Room 34017

Building 3

4th Floor

Melissa La Rosa



## Westminster Christian School

Let's make brain research accessible to those who can utilize it the most, educators! For many years brain research had not made it into the hands of those who need it the most. Understanding the neuroplastic nature of the brain, and how learning and experiences can form and reorganize synaptic connections is game changing information that should be made available for use in the classroom. Similarly, when a student has a general understanding of their own brain, they have a better grasp on how they think and how they learn. Participants in this breakout session will learn a little background information on the brain, some of the key terms associated with MBE research and some applicable classroom strategies to reinforce growth mindset, reduce cognitive load, and help support developing executive functioning processes.

### **Building an Excellent Foundation for an International Program**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 2240

Charity Moon

Wheaton Academy Institute

During this session, 4 key building blocks of an International Student Program will be shared. Whether you are thinking of starting or revamping an international program or experienced in your program, the principles discussed will help you to evaluate and structure your program with a firm foundation. Discussion topics include philosophy and mission, student care supports as well as academic and school culture considerations.

### **Burning Out...Flip the Script: Tech, Thrive and Revive**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School

Room 32011

Building 1

2nd Floor

Maria Hemelberg

Westminster Christian School

From learning best practices to integrating technology, make planning and executing lessons easier and enjoyable as you build connections and lead

with grace. In this session you will learn simple technological tools, classroom layouts/activities and simple, quick lessons that will allow you revolutionize your classroom and revamp your enthusiasm for teaching as you build connections and mentor students.

### **Celebrating Neurodiversity**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Teacher Assistants, ESE

Room 32005

Building 3

2nd Floor

Nina Root

The King's Academy

Let's celebrate neurodiversity. We are all made unique and wonderful in His image with gifts and talents for His good works. Attendees will complete a brief simulation to experience what it may feel like to accomplish a task with a disability to help strengthen empathy and the desire to provide equity for all students. Understand how executive functioning skills affect the learning process, learn practical ways to help strengthen working memory, processing speed, organizational skills, and homework completion, and review effective tips to support student learning.

### **Change your Student Culture**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Student Guidance

Room 34002B

Building 3

4th Floor

Laura Pecina

Colonial Christian School

Relationships 101! Want to know how to create a student culture that loves Christ, care about one another, and strive for academic success? The Bible has given us the answers. Come and learn how to change your student culture with little financial resources but lots of love!

### **Christ Above Culture: A Framework for Racial Unity and Educational Leadership**

Session 2 only

All Staff

Room 32001B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Sherard Burns

Peace Christian Academy Miami

The false ideologies of society are infecting the way schools understand unity and justice. Since everything rises and/or falls on leadership, how principals and headmasters grasp unity will determine the direction of the schools they lead, the teachers they hire, and their pedagogical strategies. Debunking CRT, Black Lives Matter movement, and the secularized notions of social justice, this session will outline a theological vision for racial unity and biblical justice and provide insights regarding pedagogical strategies that are sensitive to culture but remain committed to the gospel.

### **Christian theatre in a secular world**

Session 2 only

Specials

Room 2050C

Building 2

2nd Floor

James Cichewicz

Atlantic Christian Academy

Christian theatre in a secular world plays a unique and significant role in bridging faith and culture. In a society where secularism often prevails, Christian theatre serves as a platform for artistic expression rooted in religious themes and values. It offers audiences an opportunity to engage with spiritual narratives, moral dilemmas, and timeless truths in a relatable and accessible manner. By seamlessly weaving faith into storytelling, Christian theatre not only entertains but also fosters dialogue, understanding, and reflection, demonstrating that the power of faith-based storytelling can resonate even in a diverse and increasingly secular world.

### **Compliment and Correct to Powerfully Encourage Students**

Session 2 only

All Staff

Sanctuary

***Dr. Kathy Koch - CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

The ways we compliment and correct students contribute to either a culture of effort and joy or apathy and fear. Our words either build up and encourage students or tear them down and discourage them. Therefore, how to compliment and correct well, and not criticize, will be explained and modeled. Examples will make the ideas come alive.

**Conquering Middle School Madness**

Session 2 only

Middle School, ESE

Room 33042

Building 3

3rd Floor

Susan Krebs

Calvary Chapel Academy

Teaching middle school is a blessing! Approach each day with that truth in mind. Middle school students are a challenge, and it may seem like every year they are getting worse. Be willing to be open-minded enough to consider that they are changing but we are not changing with them. In this session we will discuss the middle schooler's heart and our heart's response to them. We will explore how they learn and ways we can meet their learning needs.

**Crossing the Midline in the Preschool Classroom**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood

Room 2048

Building 2

2nd Floor

Courtney Mcnomee

The King's Academy Preschool

What is crossing the midline and how does it apply to teaching the whole child? In this session we will explore a hands on approach to teaching preschoolers with a goal of crossing the midline in their gross and fine motor skills. We will gain knowledge on how crossing the midline influences a child's readiness for the beginning stages of reading.

## **Culture Development in Athletics**

Session 2 only

Athletic Directors, Administrators

Room 33031

Building 3

3rd Floor

Ben Warren

Westminster Christian School

In hopes of instilling a more intentional culture in the athletic department at Westminster Christian School, a role for a Director of Team and Program Culture was developed. Director Scott Doan and AD Ben Warren will share details of this role and the impact it is making on the athletic department.

## **Development best practices and breakout group discussions**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Heads of School, Advancement Room 32003B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Liefke Meyers

Foundation Academy

Do you want to see real Brochures, Videos, Campaign, Materials, and Learn from a group of peers who are doing what you are managing every day? Building relationships and fundraising for your school!

## **Distress vs Eustress: There is a difference!**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Discipleship, School Guidance

Room 33021

Building 3

3rd Floor

J.R. Gamble

Atlantic Christian Academy

An enormous amount of students report feeling high levels of stress. Anxiety is at an all time high among students. This session is to help educators empower their students to properly process the feelings of stress and anxiety. After attending this session, educators should be prepared to

teach students the difference between distress and eustress. Educators should also feel better equipped to help their students navigate the feelings of anxiety and stress to continue their journey towards success. We must help students realize that all feelings of stress are not negative.

### **Elements of Successful Fundraising**

Session 2 only

Heads of School, Administrators

Room 34004

Building 3

4th Floor

Angel De Leon

Mission Advancement

Every Christian school has two customers; one is the tuition paying customer who benefits from the important ministry that Christian schools engage in every day. The second customer is the donor who often enables Christian schools to do what they do with excellence. Both customers are vital but unfortunately one of those customers, the donor is often neglected. In this session we will explore the 4 essentials that will enable your school to increase its effectiveness in the area of fundraising. Better understanding how these 4 elements intersect with your donors is the first step in ensuring that your donors remain delighted and excited about continuing to help fund your mission and vision.

### **Engaging Lessons Using Nearpod**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2040C

Building 2

2nd Floor

Marcela Nicolini

Jupiter Christian School

Nearpod in the classroom allows for creative flexibility by combining interactive formative assessment activities with academic content. It increases hands-on, minds-on engagement and simplifies classroom management. Come learn how to create interactive presentations that can contain quizzes, polls, videos, collaborate boards, and more.

## **From Passive Observers to Digital Doers: Engaging Your Students with Videos**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 33025

Building 3

3rd Floor

Jenny Copeland

### ***BJU Press - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

Videos are powerful tools in the classroom, but in a culture of entertainment and constant stimuli, students are often content to just observe and take in the video as they would any other. Let's make those videos even more impacting by engaging students with them! Come meet tools and learn strategies that can help transform your students from passive watchers to active participants by adding interactive elements to videos. These are easy-to-use tools you can use tomorrow - no experience necessary!

## **Getting Intentional about Spiritual Formation: Growing the Spiritual Lives of Children through the Spiritual Disciplines**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Heads of School, Discipleship

Room 34003B

Building 3

4th Floor

Janet Ballard

Christ Classical Academy of Charlotte

“It is imperative for us to guide children intentionally in godly spiritual character and patterns at the earliest age possible.” Join this session to discover the value of modeling, teaching, and integrating spiritual disciplines into your life and the lives of your students. The presenter will introduce each spiritual practice using child friendly language and offer guidance in identifying opportunities to integrate the disciplines into the school culture. Presentation contents are guided by the principles of spiritual formation and teachings of Dallas Willard and rely heavily on the work of author and educator, Vernie Schorr Love.

## **Growing your students with retreats and mission trips**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School, Administrators

Room 32030A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Jim Sims

Berean Christian

Learn some practical advantages to retreats and mission trips in your secondary environment.

## **Healthy Lifestyles in Early Childhood Education**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood

Room 2047

Building 2

2nd Floor

Damita London

Broward Christian Academy

Much is demanded from the Early Childhood Educator during their daily instruction of and interactions with the children in their classrooms. As Christ emptied himself out for the building up of the church, they are called upon to pour out themselves into the lives of the children. This session will explore the role of the ECE in adopting a model of a healthy lifestyle for the children in the class through health, nutrition and overall best practices.

## **History Beyond the Textbook...or Worksheet**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School

Room 32029B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Stephanie Shaw

Sheridan Hills Christian School

This session will explore practical and engaging activities for history content that can be implemented in the elementary and middle school classroom. Often times history classrooms can become mundane with the



frequent presentation of videos, the completion of reading comprehension questions, and the independent reading of textbook pages. With hands-on tasks, small group inquiries, and opportunities to share, participants will discover new teaching practices and broaden their knowledge of how to extend their history lessons beyond the worksheet.

### **How to build Christ-centered Athletic Programs**

Session 2 only

Administrators

Room 2050B

Building 2

2nd Floor

Stacie Wells

LightHouse Christian

Building an athletic program isn't just about providing a sport, it's about creating a safe and secure place for our youth to grow in Christ while providing an opportunity to build character to lead them through life.

### **How to Implement a No-Homework Policy in High School**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School, Administrators

Room 32002B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Jeffray Harrison

Calvary Christian Academy

Homework, and whether or not it's effective or even beneficial, is one of the most recent education controversies to rear its head. Maybe you've wanted to implement a no-homework policy, but were unsure how to go about it, or if you're skeptical of no-homework classes and want to hear how such a thing can even exist. This seminar will prepare you with reasons why a no-homework class is not only effective, according to research and testimony, but also attainable.

### **If traditional grading is eating your lunch, change the menu!**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Administrators

Room 2046

Building 2

2nd Floor

Marilyn Dardenne

Fellowship Academy

Why do we grade the way we do, and does grading really tell the story of mastery? Learn the history of grading, how we got here, and where we need to head if we want students and parents who are excited to learn and focused on learning and not the grade they are earning. This research-based session will challenge traditional mindsets on most practices used for grading and on designing instruction for standardized assessments.

### **In Case of Emergency!**

Session 2 only

All Staff

Room 32003A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Carolyn Van Ess-Radu

Trinity Christian School

Dealing with injuries/illnesses in the first 1-5 minutes before a health professional can arrive. An overview of the following topics:

Stop the bleed (Band-Aids)

Seizures

Hands-Only CPR

Choking Heimlich

Epi-Pens

Broken bones/When not to move a student

This is NOT a certification class. NO cards or certificates will be given. Just a review/refresher.

### **Lead Like Jesus**

Session 2 only

High School, Administrators

Room 2271

Building 1

2nd Floor

Jim Good

Nations of Coaches

Key leadership characteristics and principles to remind ourselves to lead like Jesus

### **Leading students out of the cave of social media**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 32007

Building 3

2nd Floor

Jose Del Pino

Trinitas Academy

In the same way as Plato's Allegory of the Cave explained a man's journey out of the cave and bondage of their ignorance of the ultimate good, I believe we live in times where our students are in darkness and enslaved to social media, and the only way out is the true Light and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Make and Take UDL**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 2035

Building 2

2nd Floor

Elizabeth Welch

Jupiter Christian School

Stuck in a rut? Come gain some ideas of ways you can offer student choice, new ways to lead discussion, project-based learning, technology (SMARTboard), etc. Come prepared to participate and leave with some new tricks in your bag!

### **Math Activities for Engagement and Understanding**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School

Room 33024

Building 3

3rd Floor

Stephen Beck

The King's Academy

Students and teachers alike can become very comfortable with the familiar "I do, you do, we do" approach to presenting a math lesson. What kind of ways can we encourage students to grow in their problem-solving abilities and perseverance that may take them out of their comfort zone and engage different parts of their brain? In this session, we will explore various activities that can be used to introduce a new concept or review a unit to gain mastery. We will work some activities together you will be able to take home with you to work with your students in your next lesson! Activities will focus on high school math topics but may be applied to many other subjects.

### **Methods of Effective Organization**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School, Teacher Assistants

Upper School Library Media Center (LMC) 33004

Building 3

3rd Floor

Giavante Griffin

Abundant Life Christian Academy

One of the hardest things to learn when you begin teaching is how to be organized as a teacher. But it's also one of the most important skills you will need to avoid burnout. Developing a "Methods of Effective Organization" is designed to give you the tools you'll need to be on task with educational duties such as, due date for Lesson Plans, Progress Reports, End of Quarter Grades, Email Communication to Parents, etc.

### **Phonemic Awareness in early childhood education. Where do I begin?**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood

Room 2002

Building 2

2nd Floor

Suzanne Anderson

The Nest Christian Academy

Early childhood educators need training because the demands of competent reading instruction, and the training experiences necessary to learn how to teach have been seriously underestimated. There is a right and wrong way to teach reading and innovators from our program will share the best starting method with systematic, visually engaging tools and materials to help educators get started with the science of reading. Our phonics instructional method offers resources and professional learning with evidence-based strategies and tips.

### **Preparing Future Ready Students in the Elementary Classroom**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Specials

Room 2015

Building 2

2nd Floor

Claudia Pastrana

Westminster Elementary Christian School

This workshop offers an in-depth look at innovative learning practices that support teachers in helping students develop lifelong skills for their rapidly evolving future. Hands-on activities and real-class examples will engage the session participants in order to spark their creativity in creating lessons that help students develop lifelong learning skills for their rapidly evolving future. Real-world applications through the use of FLIP, Powerpoint, Minecraft, Scratch Jr., Forms, and VexCode VR will focus on three of the ITSE standards for students: empowered learner; knowledge constructor; and creative communicator.

### **Professional Development: Leading Faculty Toward Flourishing**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Heads of School

Room 32002A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Cindy Dodds

#### ***ACSI - CONFERENCE SPONSOR***

An investment in the professional development of your faculty is perhaps one of the best investments a leader can make in the quality of their school.

Cindy Dodds will unpack what the Flourishing Schools Culture research teaches us about professional development and will provide a framework to execute a strategic professional development plan, one that moves your teachers toward biblical flourishing. This workshop is designed for school leaders, instructional leaders, and emerging teacher-leaders within your school.

### **Resources for Health and PE: How to help students build practical habits outside of class**

Session 2 only

Athletic Directors

Room 34003A

Building 3

4th Floor

Ashton Tate

The F.O.R.M. Curriculum

As P.E./health teachers we want our students to understand how to practically apply what we are teaching in their everyday lives. But it can be challenging to help coach students to take ownership of their own health to steward the body God has given them. In this session, we will walk step by step through 3 different resources/challenges you can do with students to help them build a healthy lifestyle outside of class so you have practical strategies that actually work. We will give you these resources to take home and implement immediately. This includes a devotional guide, nutrition challenge, and habit tracker.

### **School Discipleship**

Session 2 only

High School, Administrators, Discipleship, Physical Education

Room 32029A

Building 3

2nd Floor

Benji Works

First Baptist Academy

In the dynamic landscape of education, fostering holistic growth and character development in students is of paramount importance. The "School Discipleship" session offers a thoughtful exploration of how schools

can go beyond academic instruction to inspire personal growth, moral development, and a strong sense of purpose among their students.

### **Set Points, Participation, and Pace and Peak, in Your PE Class**

Session 2 only

Early Childhood, Elementary, Physical Education

Room 2006

Building 2

2nd Floor

Cami Peek

Highlands Christian Academy

Teach your students to give you their best performance by your predictable set points, and student traffic management. Get the reluctant student to step up his game. Be sure they all sweat, have fun doing it, and sweat some more. Return the classes to their teachers refreshed and ready to focus again. Be that relentless caped crusader saving teachers' sanity everywhere.

### **Six Reasons Why We Must Give Our Children and Grandchildren a Biblical Worldview**

Session 2 only

All Staff

Theatre

Building 3

1st Floor

***Jeff Keaton - CONFERENCE SPEAKER***

### **String Instruments in Christian Schools**

Session 2 only

Specials

Room 31092

Building 3

1st Floor

Mike Bradam

First Baptist Academy of Naples

Traditional string instruments of violin, viola, cello and bass have been the backbone of instrumental music for the last 500 years. There are many

benefits to teaching string instruments, such as enhanced student brain development that leads to better academic performance. Also, many public schools are cutting fine arts programs at a time when Christian schools could be taking the lead in promoting the fine arts in our communities. But for the Christian school, there is a more basic reason for why we should teach strings in Christian schools. The Bible commands us to use strings in worship, such as in Psalm 150:3-5, Psalm 33:1-3 and Isaiah 38:20, yet many Christian schools have abandoned teaching strings because of the complexity of the instrument. This seminar will discuss the importance of string instruments in Christian schools and give insight into how strings can not only be taught from a Christian perspective but can also be used as a bridge for teaching modern praise band instruments used in contemporary praise and worship.

### **Teaching the Bible with Academic Rigor**

Session 2 only

High School Room 33020

Building 3

3rd Floor

Kevin Wolz

Jupiter Christian School

This session is designed to equip educators and administrators with the knowledge and strategies needed to provide a comprehensive, intellectually stimulating, and spiritually enriching approach to teaching the Bible in a high school setting.

### **Test Review Made Fun - Easy Paper and Online Review Games**

Session 2 only

Elementary, Middle School, High School

Room 33023

Building 3

3rd Floor

Megan Compiani

Trinity Christian School of Palm Beach Gardens

- Learn two easy paper-based games to implement into your classroom.  
(Capture the flag and speed dating)

- Learn the basics of Blooket, Jeopardylabs and Quizlet



## **The Second Day of School: 5 Steps to Effective Classroom Management**

Session 2 only

Middle School, High School

Room 32031B

Building 3

2nd Floor

Andrew Mills

Harvest Preparatory School

This session is designed to provide practical application through real world experience as penned in the book "The Second Day of School," authored by the presenter, Andrew J. Mills. Within the session, attendees will learn how to build relationships with students within the educational space by learning to COMMUNICATE with your students, RELATE to your students, DIFFERENTIATE for your students, EDUCATE your students, and CELEBRATE your students. These five strategies can be used in chronological order or in any sequential order based on the situation or desired outcome.

## **Using a therapy dog in school**

Session 2 only

All Staff

Room 2060

Building 2

2nd Floor

Tina Reeder

Calvary Christian Academy

Therapy dogs in schools have gained attention and traction in recent years. Are you considering adding a furry friend to your staff? We will discuss statistics regarding benefits of having a dog on campus, what to do with the two common objections (afraid & allergies) along with first steps in getting your school a pup.

## **Vision to Action: Transformative Strategic Planning for School Leaders**

Session 2 only

Administrators, Heads of School, Finance

Room 34001B

Building 3

4th Floor

Alex Gispert

Norfolk Christian Schools

Unlock the potential of effective strategic planning, specifically tailored for school leaders who embrace a Christian worldview. In this workshop, we won't just throw theories your way; instead, we'll offer practical insights and strategies that are as refreshing as a cool glass of lemonade on a hot summer day. Join us to learn how to transform your vision into action and create a strategic plan that truly works for your school. Gain practical insights and actionable strategies to lead your school on a Christ-centered journey, fulfilling your mission to serve God's kingdom.

## PEER NETWORK SESSION

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Pre-K 3 Teachers	Curriculum and Instruction / Academics
Pre-K 4 Teachers	Discipleship
Kindergarten Teachers	Early Childhood Directors
1st Grade Teachers	Elementary School Principals
2nd Grade Teachers	English Teachers
3rd Grade Teachers	ESE Administration
4th Grade Teachers	ESE Teachers / Support Coaches
5th Grade Teachers	Finance
6th Grade Teachers	Heads of School
7th Grade Teachers	Human Resources
8th Grade Teachers	IT / Technology
Administrative Assistance / Reception	Math Teachers
Admissions / Registrar	Media Specialists
Advancement	Middle School and High School Principals
Aftercare / Cafeteria	Music Teachers - Elementary (PreK-5th)
Athletics	Music Teachers - Upper School (6th-12th)
Bible Teachers	
Communications / Marketing	

Nurses

Social Studies Teachers

P.E. Teachers - Elementary (PreK-5th)

Social Studies Teachers

P.E. Teachers - Upper School  
(6th-12th)

STEM Teachers

Performing Arts

Teacher Assistants

Preschool

Technology Teachers

School Counselors

Theatre

Science Teachers

Visual Arts

Science Teachers

World Language Teachers -  
Elementary (PreK-5th)

Security

World Language Teachers - Upper  
School (6th-12th)