



2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo Sessions

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. - Keynote Address

[The Un-Classroom - What Every Teacher Could Do if Lecture Became Illegal](#)
Dr. Curtis Chandler, Professor of Teacher Education
Brigham Young University - Idaho

Steelcase Ballroom AB

Lecture often proves to be one of the least successful ways to teach many of today's students, yet it continues to permeate our classrooms. While education can't be all fun and games, more of what we do with learners should be. In this session, participants will examine strategies that move classrooms BEYOND LECTURE and into LEARNING. Participants will explore tools designed to help teachers to provide feedback, foster questioning, and engage students in choice, critical thinking, and problem solving.

SCECH Eligible

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 11:15 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. – Spark Sessions

[Pump Up the Thinking! Strategies to Flex Students Creativity and Critical Thinking Muscles](#)
Dawn McCotter, Teacher Programs Manager
Van Andel Education Institute

Expo Hall

[Engaging with STEM activities and Robotics](#)
Connie Eisenhart, Science/STEM/Robotics Teacher
Guardian Angels Catholic School

Expo Hall

[STEM on a Dime: Keeping Cost Low and Engagement High](#)
Dawn McCotter, Teacher Programs Manager
Van Andel Education Institute

Expo Hall

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – Educational Excursions

[Van Andel Education Institute](#)

Off-site

Think and Act Like a Scientist with Van Andel Education Institute Come experience an inquiry-based investigation from the perspective of a student, and discover strategies to implement inquiry in your classroom. Tour the Van Andel Research Institute and visit with a scientist to learn more about the practical application of science and research in a laboratory setting. Come ready to learn and explore; leave with insights and inspiration to increase the curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in your classroom.

SCECH Eligible

Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park Tour

Off-site

Enjoy a docent guided tour of Meijer Gardens, followed by a tram tour of the grounds, ending with time spent in the Japanese Garden.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum Educational Excursion

Off-site

Participate in a viewing and discussion of the documentary “Black and Blue: the Story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 U of M v Georgia Tech Football Game.” Following, enjoy a guided tour of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, and then participate in the Unlock the Character Code: Gerald R. Ford Breakout Game, and learn the benefits of breakout games in the classroom setting (critical thinking, problem solving skills).

SCECH Eligible

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Apps, Add-Ons & Extensions Oh My!

Ambassador East

*Carol Glanville, Tech Integration Consultant & Coach
Contemporary Education Solutions*

The goal of technology integration is to increase quality and efficiency. In a few clicks, Google drive and Chrome extras can do just that in ways you may not have realized. In this session, learn the difference between apps, add-ons, and extensions. Then experience how the addition of just a couple of each can increase functionality, empower students and unlock surprising uses for docs, sheets, and slides. Selected add-ons are relevant to any content area and grade level.

SCECH Eligible

Understanding Exceptional Children: Characteristics and Instructional Strategies

Ambassador West

*Anthony Pendleton, CEO
Global Psychological Services
Jillian Gourwitz
Global Psychological Services*

Current and emerging education and disability policies promote the increased inclusion of students with exceptionalities into general education classrooms. General education teachers are faced with the daunting task of knowing their students' various abilities and implementing strategies that meet their unique learning needs. This session will provide conference participants with the opportunity to learn about characteristics of exceptional learners and strategies to meet their needs.

SCECH Eligible

[Intentional Chaos: Shared Responsibility and Decision Making in the Classroom](#)

Atrium

*Elizabeth D'Aurora, Teacher
St. Patrick School
Jill Annable
Diocese of Grand Rapids*

Building classroom culture, allowing for student voice, and fostering active listening all add up to a positive learning experience for students. Flexible seating and student choice to build a classroom environment for learning will be explored. Hear how one third grade teacher has intentionally created a classroom of student ownership and independence, where all Children of God are valued and respected as learners.

SCECH Eligible

[Legal Issues of Faith-Based and other Non-Public Schools](#)

Berkey

*Regina Umpstead, Professor of Educational Leadership
Education Law Association / Central Michigan University
Richard T. Geisel, Professor of Educational Leadership
Education Law Association / Grand Valley State University*

This session we will feature the Education Law Association's book on Legal Issues of Faith-Based Schools. You'll hear from legal experts on pressing issues such as torts and special education. It will be a valuable session for school leaders, teachers, and other school staff.

[Creatively Critical Cognition](#)

Gerald R. Ford

*Stacy Slomski, Instructor
Aquinas College*

Creativity is essential to brain development and cognitive growth. Learn how to implement small moments of creative activities into the classroom to promote critical thinking and learner development

SCECH Eligible

[Assessment Literacy: What is it and Why does it matter?](#)

Governor's Room

*Jessica Kiera, Account Manager - Catholic Education
NWEA*

Assessment literate educators are informed, reflective, and proactive practitioners of learning for students. Understanding assessments and data literacy are essential for all education stakeholders. This interactive session will help educators understand different assessment methods, how to appropriately match tests to their objectives, and how to integrate assessment data into classroom instruction. The attendees will leave this session with the knowledge to describe different types of assessments, their purpose, and develop local definitions and process for comprehensive assessment planning.

SCECH Eligible

[Designing Dynamic Chapels](#)

Grandview B-C

*Richard Schumacher, Director of Programs & Services
Lutheran Special Education Ministries*

Learn a strategy that will add pizzazz to your chapel messages and children's talks. Participants will receive a template and work together to construct several chapel ideas they can take back to use at their schools.

[Diversity: A Real Discussion about our Strengths, Weaknesses and Positive Applications](#)

Haldane

*Angela Naylor, MSP, Special Project Coordinator & Assistant to the Superintendent
Archdiocese of Detroit / Office of Catholic Schools
Mary Johnson
License Counselor - Christ the King Catholic Elementary School*

In an effort to address the many different types of diversity: race, economic status, physical and mental health it is important for educators to take an honest look at their approach to dealing with students and families. There must be a combined level of educational and social responsibility. This session will discuss the participant's knowledge and understanding of effective approaches to extracting the best from a student, tapping into their full potential academically, socially and spiritually. Alert: This session should only be attended by those who want to engage in a rich and honest dialogue that can change the way we view our students, families and each other. Mother and Daughter Facilitators

SCECH Eligible

[Using Statewide Campaigns to Create a College-Going Culture in Your High School](#)

Heritage Hill

*Domonique Clemons, Strategy Assistant
High School Innovation*

Many high school students across the state don't believe that postsecondary education is an option for them, despite studies showing that 70% of Michigan jobs will require formal postsecondary education by 2020. This session will highlight how using three free statewide campaigns hosted by the Michigan College Access Network can help create a college-going culture in your building while helping broaden the conversation around college in addition to increasing enrollment.

[Effective vs. Marginal Teaching: What To Look for and How To Help](#)

Imperial Ballroom

*Ronald Nuzzi, Reverend
Catapult Learning, LLC*

Supporting teachers in their professional career trajectories is a major responsibility of school leaders. With the desire for continuous improvement always present, understanding best practices and operationalizing them in the classroom is a challenge for all educators. By comparing the characteristics of effective and marginal teachers, this session offers concrete strategies for teachers to implement in the classroom while providing administrators with ideas to enrich their observation and supervision practices. Formative interventions for improvement will be discussed.

SCECH Eligible

[Be a PEACE COACH - help students PRACTICE solving problems more peacefully!](#)

Kendall

*Sue Kendall, Founder, Peace Coach, LLC
Peace Coach, LLC and St. Matthew Lutheran and St. Fabian Catholic*

The mission of Peace Coach is to make a "peace" coach for children as common as a "sports" coach. The key ingredient to both is daily practice. Peace Coach provides everything necessary for a concept introduction each month and a 1-minute practice each day. Make your daily routine a prayer, a pledge, and "peace practice". Units include Conflict Resolution, Bullying, and Social Skills. Strategies are based on the advice of experts, including Jesus. Take skills immediately back to your students!

SCECH Eligible

Teaching TO kids....not AT them

Nelson

John Pfeifer, President

VoWac

Participants will identify their own learning modality using Barbe's Modality Checklist. Each learning style will be discussed to find out some of the 'dos' and 'don'ts' for the classroom. They will find out why certain learning modalities demonstrate various quirks that often drive others crazy. Growing UP Learning by Dr. Walter Barbe will be used as a source. This presentation has been used at various conferences across the country. This will be a great chance to laugh at yourself.

SCECH Eligible

Fun With Flipgrid!

Ottawa

Gary Abud, Educational Consultant

Saga Educators, Inc.

Do you wonder how to best unleash all your students' potential? Consider the possibilities with Flipgrid. This session works for people new to the tool or who have experience with it. Join the conversation as we explore ways to empower students through individual and collaborative video expression across all content areas. Consider how teachers may offer constructive feedback to drive student learning. Bonus: discover ways to engage adult learners remotely and enhance dialogue with video.

SCECH Eligible

Developing Growth Mindsets: Being Good Stewards of the Gifts Given to Students

Pantlind Ballroom

Teresa Colucci, Math teacher

Saginaw Area Catholic Schools

If ALL students in your class looked forward to tackling challenges, persevered in the face of obstacles, treated mistakes as data on what they didn't yet understand and viewed effort as the key to becoming smarter, you would have a class full of Growth Mindset students! Participants will learn about attributes of Fixed and Growth Mindsets, based on Carol Dweck's book *Mindset*, and will discuss how teacher and parents can encourage development of a growth mindset in their students and children.

SCECH Eligible

School Safety Considerations: Options in an era of crisis in schools

Pearl

Julian Petzold, Principal

Trinity Lutheran School

Parents place a high priority on safety for their children while they are at school. Mass shootings in America have been happening in schools at an increased rate. School leaders and teachers should be aware of critical facts related to mass shootings, ways to become more situationally aware, and practical preparedness for any event. The session will enhance and supplement your existing emergency plans. It is important to remember that plans are indeed plans. They may or may not become reality once an event occurs. One goal of attending this sectional is for participants to feel empowered and prepared to provide safety, care, and comfort in any crisis situation. Preparedness is a mind-set, and this session will help develop more clear preparedness in our schools.

SCECH Eligible

[Cross Training in Crisis Times](#)
Glenn Grage, Teacher/DCE
Faith Lutheran Church and School

Riverview

Following Jesus' example, learn practical steps to assist children, youth, and adults going through times of crisis.

[Teaching First... Technology Second](#)
Dr. Curtis Chandler, Professor of Teacher Education
Brigham Young University - Idaho

Steelcase Ballroom AB

Description--What teaching approaches and technology tools help learners the most? How can these teaching strategies and tech-tools be integrated to help students acquire and integrate their learning? In this session we examine 10 pedagogical approaches—and dozens of tech tools—that truly make a difference in classroom.

SCECH Eligible

[Addressing the Needs of Gifted and Talented Students](#)
Kara Bratton, Resource Center Director
Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Vandenberg A

This session will describe the specific needs of gifted and talented students and also students who may be twice exceptional (gifted and talented with a learning disability). Strategies for classroom teachers to implement in the general education setting will also be presented.

SCECH Eligible

[Recruiting, Preparing, and Retaining International Students](#)
Ryan Corcoran, International Program Coordinator
West Catholic High School

Vandenberg B

International students can be a valuable asset to a school's student body. Their presence in our schools provide ample opportunities for cultural awareness, responsiveness, and empathy. They bring with them their own unique sets of challenges as well. How do we get these students into our schools and make sure they want to stay? In this talk we will learn about where these students come from, why they want to study in America, what tools they need to succeed, and how to offer a meaningful experience for them, native students, and staff.

SCECH Eligible

[Not Your Average Phonics Lesson](#)
Kathy Swain, Teacher
St. Paul the Apostle
Eric Remington

Winchester

How can discovery and developmental thinking skills lead to a student's decoding skills? This teaching demonstration focuses on a successful elementary classroom full of life and engagement. It's amazing what can happen when young minds are engaged! Participants will observe and discuss the aspects of VoWac phonics in this interactive session.

SCECH Eligible

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

[Creating, Sharing, and Gaming: Level Up Learning!](#)

Ambassador West

Patti Harju, Director of Games

Breakout EDU

Gamification, VR, Coding, Social Media are all part of today's classroom, directly or indirectly. If we want to prepare our students for their future, we need to embrace the changes technology brings, and give our students real world, authentic experiences that provide problem solving and critical thinking opportunities and encourage creativity and collaboration. I will share my journey and what I learned navigating the world of tech and how creating and sharing games changed it all.

SCECH Eligible

[Feeding the Whole Child, the Whole Year](#)

Berkey

Diane Golzynski, State Child Nutrition Director

Michigan Department of Education

Carolyn Thomas

Macomb Area ISD

Assuring the basic needs of children are met will provide for better learning outcomes. Hear how presenters are working to meet the needs of the whole child, the whole year in schools all over the state.

SCECH Eligible

[Critical Conversations: The Empowering Strategies to Have Them](#)

Gerald R. Ford

Melissa Usiak, Assistant Professor

Michigan State University

Having the skills and courage to take on important, but often challenging, conversations with others can be just that. Challenging. This session will explore a wealth of strategies leading to the tools participants can use to plan and have critical conversations with colleagues and friends. An understanding of the power of trust and relationships is essential for all leaders. Knowing how to provide effective feedback is a necessary step as well. Intentional planning of the critical conversation truly provides a meaningful beginning to resolution. This session will provide references and research to support this work as well as model several protocols, strategies, and tools that can be easily practiced.

SCECH Eligible

[Creating a Culture of Camaraderie and Leadership](#)

Governor's Room

Joseph Kalczynski, Mr. (Teacher/Coach/Band of Brothers Director)

Brother Rice High School

Bob Riker

Brother Rice High School

In this session, administration and leaders of your school will learn techniques that Brother Rice High School (Bloomfield Hills, MI) has used in their "Band of Brothers" Program to help establish a culture of tangible camaraderie and leadership within the students of the school. The Band of Brothers system allows all students and faculty to take ownership of their roles in the legacy they leave for the next generation of Warriors. Founding members of Brother Rice's exciting Band system will explain activities that can be easily incorporated into your current school day to help foster togetherness for your students and staff.

SCECH Eligible

[Introduction to Classroom Learning Labs](#)

Grandview A

*Jill Annable, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Integration
Diocese of Grand Rapids*

Observing other teachers can be one of the most beneficial teaching practices. Classroom Learning Labs (CLLs) is an organized protocol that allows teachers to observe one another, whether they are observing a teacher down the hall or across the state! Teachers focus on the craft of teaching and the aspects of student learning during a CLL. In this session, participants will get a brief glimpse into this professional practice, with tools and strategies for implement within their own schools.

SCECH Eligible

[Introduce Girls to Engineering](#)

Grandview B-C

*Teresa Isela VanderSloot, Director, MSU Women in Engineering, Recruitment and K-12 Outreach
Michigan State University College of Engineering
Geraldyn Phelps, Assistant Director
MSU Women in Engineering, Recruitment and K-12 Outreach - Michigan State University College of Engineering*

There is a high demand and need for more diversity in engineering. Many myths and misconceptions about engineering exist which detract girls from entering the field. We aim to address specific ways to engage and encourage girls to pursue engineering careers. Research shows that women influence roughly 80% of all consumer spending in the United States. However, women make up 20% of the engineering world, which touches our lives every day. Come learn what you can do increase the diversity pipeline in engineering.

SCECH Eligible

[Internet and Social Media Training - OK2SAY/Michigan CSI](#)

Haldane

*Mary Gager Drew, Program Administrator
Department of the Attorney General*

Michigan's student safety program, OK2SAY, enables Michigan students to confidentially report harmful behavior that threatens their safety or the safety of professionals who can help prevent tragedies before they occur. Using a confidential and reliable communication system, OK2SAY facilitates information submission through text, mobile app, email, website, and telephone. Students confidentially report school safety threatens to trained OK2SAY professionals 24/7. Learn more about how this program can be successfully implemented in your school.

SCECH Eligible

[Sports in Schools - MHSAA & Non Public Schools](#)

Heritage Hill

*Tom Rashid, Associate Director
Michigan High School Athletic Association*

Rationale and review of MHSAA - Member school regulations will be covered. Q and A. Includes a discussion on the relationship between public and non-public schools.

All Children Are Our Children: Best Practices and Ten Top Strategies for Implementing ESSA

Imperial Ballroom

*Ronald Nuzzi, Reverend
Catapult Learning, LLC*

The implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) presents many challenges and opportunities for leaders of private, faith-based schools. This session explores effective approaches to working with local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies (SEAs), focusing on preparing and executing successful consultations, and ensuring the provision of services required in federal law.

SCECH Eligible

Engagement and the Charlotte Danielson Framework

Kendall

*Karen Selby, Professor
University of Detroit Mercy
Richards Rockwell
University of Detroit Mercy*

Using components of the Charlotte Danielson Framework, presenters will engage participants in finding evidence of effective teaching. The adoption of this framework by administrators and teachers at one institution seeking to include Ignatius pedagogy provides a model for including what matters as you institute teacher evaluations in your own governance structure.

SCECH Eligible

MARVELous Philanthropic Superpowers: How Teachers Impact Advancement

Nelson

*Mike DeBrincat, Lead Counsel
DeBrincat Consulting Group, LLC*

Did you know one important quality teachers have in common with the Avengers? When banded together, each group has unconquerable powers towards a greater good. Like new superheroes realizing their abilities, today's teachers are coming to understand their superpowers to affect next level education, beyond their classroom.

This interactive session offers teachers, administrators, parents and staff an opportunity to understand how banding certain simple philanthropic superpowers together can increase salaries, build buildings, expand curriculums, generate new programs, and much more.

Each session participant will take away the working understanding and skills of their individual secret superpower(s) in philanthropy to impact their school's sustainability and future. All with no additional demands on their daily activities.

Visual Faith in the Classroom

Ottawa

*Valerie Matyas, Visual Faith Classroom Coach
Visual Faith Ministries
Pat Maier
Co-founder Visual Faith Ministry*

Scripture memorization, bible reading and an active prayer life are crucial for faith formation. Students, however, sometimes struggle with memorizing passages, digging through scripture and staying focused during prayers. Learn how to incorporate Visual Faith, namely Praying in Color and Bible Journaling, into your classroom setting to breathe vibrancy into your students' spiritual lives.

No Benchwarmers on Stage: Valuing All in a Competitive Learning Environment

Pantlind

, 2018-19 Michigan Regional Teacher of the Year (Region 3),
Director of Orchestras
Lowell Area Schools

Learn how competition can raise the level of performance for all. Taking from my learnings from my instrument music classes, learn how performance-based learning, student leadership, team building, and mastery learning can create a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset, while avoiding negative labels and allowing for educational mobility.

SCECH Eligible

Creating a Neuroscience Based Culture of Learning

Pearl

George Tomey, Chief People Officer
GPS Solutions
Christopher Plum
Chief Knowledge Officer

To maximize the learning experience for every student every day, the school and classroom environments must be safe, trusting, predictable, and allow learners to take risks and be vulnerable. To this end, buildings and classrooms must develop a "culture of learning." Building on the work of David Rock (2008) at the NeuroLeadership Institute and using strategies and practices reinforced by Dr. Rock's five social transactions, this workshop will give building leaders and teachers tools to ensure they cultivate their "culture of learning." Neuroscience literature converges around the idea that one of the brain's organizing survival principles is an approach (reward) and avoid (threat) model. In this model, the brain tags incoming stimulus with either a "good/engage" tag or a "bad/avoid" tag. Dr. Rock's research suggests that there are five domains of human social experience that activate this brain tagging. These domains are Status, Certainty, Autonomy, Fairness, Relatedness (SCARF). When teachers and leaders understand how threats are reduced and reward is increased in the social transactions in these five domains, they will see how to create a culture of learning where students are more inclined to engage. As students are more engaged, core content can be more readily mastered. Please join us to learn how to maximize the "culture of learning" in your classroom and school.

SCECH Eligible

Creating a Community of Readers

Riverview

Amy Snodgrass, Interventionist
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School
Carrie Westman, 3rd Grade Teacher
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School

You can build a community of independent readers with a reading incentive program at your school. I can show you how we made being a "Book Nerd" the coolest thing to be at our school.

SCECH Eligible

Teaching Internationally

Robinson

Steven Nurre, Director of Recruitment
Concordia International School Shanghai

This Vendor presentation will be an opportunity to learn what living and working internationally looks like at a Preschool through Grade 12 school founded on Christian values. At Concordia, we are looking for classroom and specialist teachers, as well as administrators with passion and dedication who embrace the mission and vision of the school and so are insightful, lifelong learners that reflect, collaborate, and are team players.

[A Framework of Fun](#)

Steelcase Ballroom AB

*Dr. Curtis Chandler, Professor of Teacher Education
Brigham Young University - Idaho*

In this session, participants will examine what it is that motivates today's young people to learn. We will look specifically at the motivational and learning principles embedded in one of the most popular pastimes of students—video games. What is about playing video games that is so compelling and captivating? More importantly, we will examine ways that game-based principles and tools are being utilized by educators in classrooms around the nation to (1) improve learning and to (2) help students persist in difficult learning tasks.

SCECH Eligible

[Dyslexia 101](#)

Vandenberg A

*Kara Bratton, Resource Center Director
Lutheran Special Education Ministries*

This session will educate teachers about the struggles students with dyslexia face in the classroom and demonstrate helpful strategies to promote success for these students. Appropriate classroom accommodations will also be presented.

SCECH Eligible

[Strengthening New Principals Through Mentorship](#)

Vandenberg B

*Kasey Cronin, Executive Director
Genesee County Catholic Schools
Sally Bartos
Principal, Powers Catholic High School*

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) developed a mentor certification program. The program was created to provide the necessary support needed for new principals to be successful. The presentation will include information on the importance of mentorship based on research on the retention of principals. New principals need to be supported! The NAESP Principal Standards will be highlighted as well as the NAESP Leadership Mentor Competencies. The presenters are seasoned administrators who went through the program and are Nationally Certified Principal Mentors. We will discuss the format of the program, the outcomes and share how the new principals felt throughout the process.

SCECH Eligible

[Accelerating Mathematical Proficiency with Hands-On, Minds-On, Hearts-On STREAM](#)

Winchester

*Ellen Edmonds, Executive Director of Professional Development
W.H. Sadlier*

Integrating STREAM and real-world problem solving into your mathematics instruction does not have to be as challenging as you think. Enrich student learning in three easy steps focusing on the importance of precision and perseverance in understanding real-life applications of mathematics. This vendor session will get your students actively learning math through STREAM connections!

SCECH Eligible

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT EDU - It's Time for Something Different

Ambassador West

Patti Harju, Director of Games

Breakout EDU

Breakout EDU is the immersive learning games platform.

In Breakout EDU games, players use the 4 C's, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity to solve a series of challenging puzzles in order to open the locked box. Breakout EDU games are for all ages, and all content areas. Experience a Breakout EDU game first hand and see why It's Time for Something Different. Learn more at Breakoutedu.com.

SCECH Eligible

Digital Storytelling and Technology in the Elementary Classroom

Atrium

Angie Dressander, First Grade Teacher

St. Stephen School

Early elementary students have a lot of stories to share. Technology engages the learner, sparks creativity, and fosters collaboration in ways paper & pencil never did. By using Chrome, Google Classroom, Seesaw, and other apps, students bring these stories to life and reach a world audience. Come and learn with the 2017 MACUL Technology Using Teacher of the year how to use Chrome, Google Classroom, Seesaw, and so much more with early elementary aged students.

SCECH Eligible

Formation in Virtue: God's Plan for the Human Person

Berkey

Zachary Good, Dean of Faculty and Curriculum

Sacred Heart Academy

We remember saints, sages, and heroes from Socrates and Leonidas to Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa not for their wealth or success, but for their extraordinary virtue. Far from a list of "shalt nots," virtue is the power of being fully alive and fully ourselves – actively pursuing God's particular plan for us. Learn how to naturally and passionately impart the indispensable lesson of virtuous living in your classroom while avoiding the common pitfalls of character education.

Utilize Schoolyards to Develop a Nature-based Preschool Program

Grandview A

Janet Staal, Director of Nature-based/ Outdoor Education

West Side Christian School

Katelyn Egnatuk

West Side Christian School

Transition a traditional school setting/ classroom into an early childhood educational bridge to the natural world of wonder right outside your school doors. This sectional will provide participants with the framework to integrate Early Childhood Standards of Quality through immersive nature-based outdoor/ indoor learning experiences. Tips for documentation of students' progression, how to utilize nearby natural areas for monthly excursion sites – to enrich urban students' exposure to diverse natural settings. Participants will leave equipped with research-based educational examples that engage students in powerful, lasting learning nature-based experiences.

SCECH Eligible

Student Safety

Haldane

*Mary Gager Drew, Administrator
Department of Attorney General*

All students, school staff, parents, and community members have a critical role to play in observing, recognizing and responding to signs of youth high-risk behavior. Timely, effective interventions and ongoing prevention - in addressing bullying, suicide, self-injury, drugs, depression and anxiety - are critical components to student safety, well-being- and success. Learn how your school can utilize OK2SAY, a FREE student safety program.

SCECH Eligible

Reboot Your Mission and Catholic Identity

Heritage Hill

*Shannon Saxton-Murphy, Principal
St. Stanislaus School
Camile Delano
St. Basil- South Haven*

Does your mission statement need a review, or possibly even a reboot? Learn how one school rebooted their mission statement and how it has energized the Catholic Identity of their whole community! You will leave this session with templates for communication pieces and surveys, ideas to get teachers, students, parents and parishioners involved, as well as how it can affect school policies and procedures.

Empathy in Action

Imperial Ballroom

*Carol Glanville, Tech Integration Consultant & Coach
Contemporary Education Solutions*

We often talk to students about empathy, but what does practicing empathy look like for a teacher? With society flying by at break-neck speed, it becomes necessary to continually reassess our assumptions of who our students are. We are called to emulate Christ and meet them where they're at in such a way that their passion and purpose is continually honored in the classroom. This session will explore ways to help the busy teacher keep their finger on the pulse of the students, without adding to the workload. (yes, really!)

SCECH Eligible

Effective things you can do if you are asked to teach or sub P.E.

Kendall

*Sue Kendall, St. Matthew PE Teacher
St. Matthew Lutheran School/Novi Community Schools*

Teaching P.E. can be a daunting task – the venue is large and the children are moving. Carefully planned tasks are the key to maintaining order and safety. In this workshop you will learn some tricks of the trade that work for Kindergarten to 5th grade students. From entering the gym in slow motion as a way to work on balance, to using soft recycled paper products to execute basic sports skills, you will benefit from this session as well as your students! It's a win-win!

SCECH Eligible

"Ready Set Go " STEM

Nelson

*CONNIE EISENHART, Science/Stem/Robotics Teacher
Guardian Angels Catholic School*

This session is "Hands On Coding Skills" During this session, we will work with Coding the Robots(Mouse. Botley, WeDo2, Edison). We will learn step-by-step about building mazes, collaborating, creating, and coding the robots with problem solving. We will build a Scrub Brush Robot, and take one home.NGSS Content Standard A, Content Standard B Content Standard E,Technology Standard 9, Engineering design 11 Apply the design process.

SCECH Eligible

I Love Teaching Memory Work!

Ottawa

*Ruth Krieger, Educator
Trinity Lutheran School*

This presenter, with over 30 years experience, will share how she recently began teaching memory work to her students with music. She will share some of the Bible passages and original, simple tunes she has composed. Together, you will explore and create original melodies for remembering new Bible verses. This presentation is geared toward teachers of younger students. Only basic music knowledge is needed. The ability to play a melody line will be helpful.

SCECH Eligible

Creating an Exceptional Learner Handbook

Pearl

*Jenny LaPonsie, Coordinator of Instructional Interventions and Resources
All Saints Academy*

Leaders at All Saints Academy created an Exceptional Learner Handbook to help identify students who need additional or intensive supports and/or interventions. Through a step-by-step process, the handbook helps guide classroom teachers and school leaders in providing interventions, targeted goal instruction, identification of any possible disability and creation of accommodation plans for exceptional learners. The process starts by empowering classroom teachers to use data and basic interventions to identify students who are struggling. It then offers opportunities for collaboration with other professionals to find the best strategies to meet the needs of the learner. The handbook itself and documentation resources will be shared including data and intervention logs. Other resources include a Student Learning Contract, where specific goals and objectives are identified. Through facilitated discussion, these resources will be shared and explained so that our schools can provide and promote inclusion and welcome any student whose family desires a faith based education.

SCECH Eligible

SeeSaw to Increase Engagement

Riverview

*Erin Weaver, Educational Technology Specialist
Diocese of Grand Rapids
Amy DeWitt
Saint John Vianney*

How can we best capture the learning process of students? Learn how to give students an authentic audience and how to encourage deeper learning and reflection. Teachers in lower elementary will share how they utilize SeeSaw to showcase student work through student-led conferences and regular posting to parents. Participants will leave with an understanding of how to increase student and parent engagement.

SCECH Eligible

Enhancing School Safety with Team Communications

Robinson

Victor Nigam, Motorola CSE

Motorola Solutions

Micah Kooyers

How connected are your communications? Your school's safety depends on the answer. From everyday situations to emergencies, when a child needs attention, or an unauthorized visitor shows up, every second counts. In this vendor session, Motorola Solutions and local partner Tele-Rad will share how their communications solutions can help improve school safety.

Training Superman: How to Prepare Students with Disabilities for College

Vandenberg A

Paul Artale, Keynote Speaker

www.paulartale.com

During this session, keynote speaker Paul Artale will share 3 key strategies you need to ensure the transition for students with disabilities transition smoothly to college. This session goes beyond ADA as it will discuss disability identity theory, social concepts around ability, and how it impacts students with disabilities.

SCECH Eligible

Best Practices in School Security - 2018

Vandenberg B

Daniel DiBardino, Managing Director

Recon Management Group, LLC

This presentation addresses a spectrum of topics relevant to school security & preparedness in the K-12 environment. Recommendations will be presented on protocols, procedures and best practices that will enable school administrators to make an immediate impact in increasing preparedness and the security posture of their facility or classroom using low or no cost options, procedures and training.

SCECH Eligible

Tech Tools: Find the Right Fit for Your Classroom

Winchester

Erin Luckhardt, Senior Professional Learning Specialist

Michigan Virtual

Get ready to find your perfect (tech) match! During this vendor session, participants will explore digital resources/tools for assessment, collaboration and creation for students. Participants will have time to explore in-depth a few tools on their own, as well as share what already works well in their classroom. Your perfect fit may be waiting for you!

SCECH Eligible

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – Keynote Address

“Be holy as I am holy” Says the Lord

Steelcase Ballroom AB

Fr. Joe Krupp, Pastor

Church of the Holy Family

Our unique vocation offers us many opportunities to have a radical impact on our life & the lives of those we minister with and to.

Fr. Joe wants to inspire us & convince us to joyfully pursue those wonderful and often missed opportunities.

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

[Make Learning Epic: The Power of Story in the Classroom](#)

Ambassador East

Trevor Muir, Senior Editor

WeAreTeachers

Is there any point in learning something if you're just going to forget it? And this begs a bigger question: if learning is not memorable, should it even be considered learning? Trevor shares how educators can shape their classrooms using the power of storytelling and brain science to achieve real student engagement, and in return, learning that is permanent and memorable. Any teacher, in any subject area, and in any grade level can use these practical and proven practices to transform their classrooms into settings where students are engaged, challenged and transformed.

SCECH Eligible

[Beliefs and Practices of Inclusive Education](#)

Ambassador West

Elizabeth Dombrowski, Executive Director

CLC Network

Jill Annable

Catholic Schools, Diocese of Grand Rapids

Join us for an exploration of the ways our faith is reflected in our educational supports for students in faith-based schools. Learn ways that schools have supported success for students at all levels of ability through systemic and cultural shifts. In addition, we will share the Christ-Centered Educational Support Standard, a tool that can sit alongside accreditation processes or be utilized for self-study.

SCECH Eligible

[Using projects in the science classroom to reach all learners and the New Generation Science Standards](#)

Atrium

Maureen Wickenheiser, Teacher

St. Patrick Elementary-Carleton

Science is an active endeavor of learning about the world around you. The NGSS can be used to help students learn how to think outside of the box and also give them a little bit of freedom in pursuing their own interests and ideas. By using science projects and hands-on activities in teaching NGSS, students not only learn about the scientific method they gain in-depth knowledge about the subject matter of their project, acquire useful skills about how to do and present research, and gain real-life skills that will be useful no matter what field they go into.

SCECH Eligible

[Your Brain and Your Phone: How Our Technology Forms Us](#)

Berkey

Zachary Good, Dean of Faculty and Curriculum

Sacred Heart Academy

Are you finding it more difficult lately to stay out of your inbox? Silence your notifications? Leave the phone at home? While educators often wonder how to keep up with ever-changing technology, too few consider how their technology is changing them. Come discover the science and philosophy behind the dynamic relationship between your brain and your environment known as neuroplasticity and how it is changing the way you and your students think.

SCECH Eligible

[The Marriage of Math and Mastery](#)
Barbara Doyle, Math Department Chair
Valley Lutheran High School

Gerald R. Ford

A 20-year teaching veteran will share experiences with implementing mastery learning to varying degrees in math classes. This session includes honest discussion of everything from the “honeymoon stages” to the reality of the day-to-day grind.

SCECH Eligible

[Fun Formative Assessment with Technology](#)
Jennifer Blake, Mrs.
Valley Lutheran High School

Grandview A

Participants will see how Recap, Flipgrid, and Seesaw can fit into their classrooms as engaging forms of assessment. See how they work, then brainstorm with others to discover something you can take home and use in your classroom right away.

SCECH Eligible

[Marketing your School to Millennial Families](#)
Kim Conner, Regional Vice President
FACTS/RenWeb
Mike Rivard
FACTS/RenWeb

Grandview B-C

Have you thought about how you should market your school to Millennial families? Are you thinking strategically about the Millennial generation? Your target families and teachers are primarily comprised from the Millennial generation. Born between 1977 and 1995, these Millennial parents are between 22 and 40 years old and make up the majority of new parents enrolling their children in your school. As we think about marketing strategies to reach this target market, it is critical for school leaders to consider how to best reach this generation. In this vendor session, join Kim Conner as she dives into specific ways to reach this unique group of parents and staff members. Come prepared to share your experiences!

[Giving Effective Feedback](#)
Ellen McGahey,
Catapult Learning

Haldane

Research shows that feedback is one of the most significant strategies teachers can engage in to promote student learning. Participants will reflect on and expand their practice of providing effective feedback. They will also:

- Identify several modes and formats for giving students feedback
- Understand key research about feedback and distinguish grading from giving feedback
- Learn techniques for providing effective, actionable feedback to help students meet learning goals

SCECH Eligible

[Let's Play a Game!](#)
Sharon Lampman, Kindergarten Teacher
Guardian Angels Catholic School

Kendall

Learn how to make games for your classroom to make learning interactive and fun while teaching Math and Reading concepts and more. With today's high standards we need to remember to keep things fundamentally appropriate when possible.

SCECH Eligible

Teaching the Holocaust in a Christian School

Ottawa

*Jaymie Perry, Teacher
Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Lessons of the Holocaust must be learned with more than our heads, and imprinting these imperative lessons on the hearts of our students is complicated but an important struggle. Whether you teach English, history, science, or religion lessons from the Holocaust can factor into your classroom and they must be taught with great care. Please join me to look into how to teach to the hearts of students with lessons from the Holocaust.

Integrating technology into your math & Science classroom

Pantlind Ballroom

*John Sowash, Educator
Sowash Ventures, LLC*

Yes, you CAN integrate technology into your math and science classroom! The world around us is FULL of interesting and challenging mathematical questions. Help your students develop a mathematical mindset by introducing fun, engaging problems using free web based tools. We'll explore video story problems, collaborative study guides, math challenge problems, and data collection activities that can be used in any math or science classroom.

SCECH Eligible

Data Driven Instruction: Using NWEA to Drive Instruction in the Classroom

Pearl

*Meghan Loughlin-Krusky, Principal
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School
Kerri Wilcox
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School*

Are you currently using NWEA to assess your students each year? Are you using the NWEA reports and data provided to help enhance the instruction in the classroom or provide tier support? If not, this is the session for you! During the session we will review specific NWEA reports and how we use them to help drive instruction in the classroom. We will also review our Data Team system and schedule and how we support teachers and staff in working to support each of our students in the classroom. We will also cover instructional programs that we use to support our students both in and out of the classroom.

SCECH Eligible

Revealing the Redeemer in Story

Riverview

*Glenn Grage, Teacher/DCE
Faith Lutheran Church and School*

Storytelling via parable was a powerful tool for Jesus. Various means of sharing His story, are shared in this sectional.

Engagement, Motivation, and Success: The Superkids Reading Program

Robinson

*Kellan Fitzgerald,
Zaner-Bloser*

No reading program better prepares students for the rigors of Common Core State Standards than Superkids, a research-proven, research-based K-2 language arts program. Join us to learn why Superkids students are engaged, motivated, and successful readers!

Let's Get Shifty: 7 Shifts in NGSS

Steelcase Ballroom C

*Janyce Huff, Learning Solutions Specialist
Van Andel Education Institute*

If you feel like a lot is being asked of science teachers, it's because it is! It's true that NGSS requires monumental shifts in instruction, but it doesn't need to be overwhelming. Learn the 7 essential shifts required by NGSS and discover practical strategies to not just meet the demands of these shifts, but to fully embrace an inquiry-based classroom.

SCECH Eligible

Multi-age - Dynamic Learning with a Twist

Vandenberg A

*Abby VanDyke, 4/5 teacher
St. Thomas the Apostle
Kelly Donohue, and Amy Zakrajsek
St. Thomas the Apostle*

Mixing students of different ages and abilities helps everyone learn to see the many gifts God has created in us. Creating thoughtful multi-age classrooms steps away from "split" classes and helps everyone learn and grow together academically, socially, and spiritually.

SCECH Eligible

From Creation to Revelation

Vandenberg B

*James Pagels, Dr.
Retired Lutheran Educator*

The goal of this presentation is to offer a perspective of not only the basic themes of Scripture, but also the historical context within which events have occurred thereby enabling educators to provide a more holistic, vibrant picture in witnessing regarding the Scriptural narrative.

Children's book about Christian worship

Winchester

*Kristen Verhulst, Program manager
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship*

There are a number of wonderful picture and children's books that help church school leaders, educators, and parents teach children about worship. These books focus on the sacraments, Christian year, the psalms, and prayer. Children's books provide another means to welcome and engage children (and adults!) in worship as full members of the body of Christ.

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Building Intercultural Competence:
Effective Frameworks for Educators and Schools**
Fr. Stephen Dudek, Canonical Administrator
San Juan Diego Academy

Imperial Ballroom

This workshop on intercultural competence will draw from our own experience, as well as from proven frameworks. Designed for educators and school settings we will:

- 1.) Gain a deeper understanding of culture
- 2.) Look at the changing demographics of our churches and schools
- 3.) Learn to identify predictable stages of intercultural sensitivity
- 4.) Understand the importance of attitudes, knowledge and skills in this critical area.

It will provide us with a comprehensive overview of this emerging field, highlighting it's importance for the future of education and the church.

SCECH Eligible

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Epic Project Based Learning 101
Trevor Muir, Senior Editor
WeAreTeachers

Ambassador East

Storytelling is essential to the human experience. This medium of communication has not only proven to be the best way of sharing information, but also for learning and retaining that information. A class can be designed and taught in the format of a story. This workshop gives concrete methods, practices, and resources to create a story-centric classroom in an innovative project based learning model.

SCECH Eligible

It Helps If You're a Little Crazy! (Improving Communication Style with Students)

Ambassador West

Jerry Jacoby, Kid Motivator
Lifesong Entertainment, L.L.C.

Did you have a favorite teacher? Me, too! They made school fun and we didn't want their class to end. What was it that made us love them? Jerry Jacoby has been taking notes for 40 years as a teacher and motivational speaker in over 7,000 schools and shares his findings with you. Tips and concepts that can be adapted to any teacher's style. Some you may already own but others may be just the trick to add new sparkle to your communication repertoire. Jerry is authentic and uplifting.

SCECH Eligible

Embracing Diversity
Rick Muniz, Principal
San Juan Diego Academy

Atrium

In an environment of anti-immigrant sentiment, it becomes increasingly important to remind students and those that shape their minds of the lessons history has attempted to teach about our Catholic mission to welcome the stranger. The Church has historically been a leader in promoting social justice and we are called upon to do the same today, armed with statistics and facts which can not be disputed.

SCECH Eligible

[The Digital Culture of Kids - Educator Edition](#)

Governor's Room

Chris McKenna, Founder/Owner

Protect Young Eyes

Technology is a great thing, if used responsibly. But, pornography, predators, sexting, social media, cyberbullying, anxiety, depression and a bevy of other digital issues plague many families. Chris McKenna and the Protect Young Eyes team take hundreds of hours of research on the latest tech trends and speak about six digital realities facing most educators today and then resolve those realities with six practical strategies that caring adults can implement in the classroom and also in their own homes, whether as parents, guardians, or grandparents. Regardless of technology aptitude, Chris and his team provide practical tools for every adult who interacts with kids in the digital age.

SCECH Eligible

[Gratitude Changes Attitude- Increasing Teacher Morale](#)

Grandview A

Linda Irwin, Assistant Principal

St. Mary Royal Oak Catholic School

This is for administrators to give them some and inexpensive and easy ways to show appreciation to their staff and increase staff morale.

SCECH Eligible

[Sophia Institute: Strong Instructional Practices for K-2](#)

Haldane

Veronica Burchard, Vice President for Education Programs

Sophia Institute

Jose Gonzalez

Sophia Institute

What does strong instructional practice look like in religion class? Sophia Institute will share resources and techniques for success through its Spirit of Truth k-8 textbook series.

[Technology Instruction: Preparing our students for the world](#)

Heritage Hill

Pam Thomson, Technology Instructor

Hope Academy of West Michigan

We all know that technology instruction is essential, but how is that different in our nonpublic schools? What curriculum do we teach and why? We will look at best practices from ISTE, the new MiTECS, and scope and sequence for K-12 instruction developed by Vicksburg Community Schools and The Diocese of Grand Rapids.

SCECH Eligible

[Rubrics in the Elementary Classroom](#)

Kendall

Gabbie Marguery, Principal

St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School

Let's explore how rubrics provide a framework for academic excellence to our Catholic Schools. They are not only an essential component of student self-assessment, but they provide clear expectations of quality work.

SCECH Eligible

Church & State and Effective Legislative Advocacy

Ottawa

*Paul Stankewitz, Policy Advocate
Michigan Catholic Conference*

This session will empower attendees with an understanding of the true nature of the separation of Church & State. It will provide effective, common sense approaches to building critical relationships with community and legislative leaders. This session will help you navigate the public policy waters in which you must sail.

Cut the clutter: Let Google help you get ORGANIZED!

Pantlind Ballroom

*John Sowash, Educator
Sowash Ventures, LLC*

Are you struggling to stay on top of email, documents, grading, and lesson planning? Is the sheer volume of digital information that flows across your computer screen overwhelming? Google can help! Being organized and efficient is critical so that you can spend less time shuffling information around, and more time helping students or staff. You will learn the top tips for organizing email, documents, photos, web resources, and more. Plus, you will learn automation strategies to help you work smarter, not harder.

SCECH Eligible

Place-Based Education Provides Authentic Learning

Pearl

*Maureen Markules, Teacher
St. Patrick School
Sr. Mary Paul Moller
Franciscan Life Center*

What's beyond the four walls of our classrooms? Authentic learning! Fifth grade teachers in the Diocese of Grand Rapids are partnering with the Franciscan Life Process Center to discover and explore. Appreciation of God's creation and stewardship of the earth create the foundation for this cross-curricular learning: cooking, animals, art, nature, outdoor activities. Letting go as a teacher and building student independence will be discussed in this session.

SCECH Eligible

Walking With Jesus

Riverview

*David Kubel, Assistant Principal/Instructional Coach
Hackett Catholic Prep
Deborah Chapin
St. Mary's Assumption - Bronson*

Similar to a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Program, our Walking With Jesus program was developed by staff members interested in creating a more positive atmosphere at St. Mary's Assumption School in Bronson, Michigan. Three parts were developed to enhance the school culture: classroom and school posters to assist students in being more respectful and safe in their decisions, a token (plastic feet) and prizes for collecting them, and a discipline form that asked students in part how they could make a better choice to Walk With Jesus in the future. Both staff and students love the positive affect the program has had on the school!

Managing Your School's Energy Costs

Robinson

Donald Johns, President

EnStar Energy

Steve Clark

EnStar Energy L.L.C.

MANS Energy Program is designed to help members cut their utility costs. In this presentation, MANS energy consultant, EnStar Energy, will review the opportunities available to help members reduce their costs, what to expect in utility costs this year and beyond, and how members can take advantage of the program.

Areas where MANS and EnStar are able to assist members include:

- Natural Gas Procurement
- Utility Rate Reviews to Determine Most Economical Rate
- On site Energy Efficiency Assessment
- Obtaining Quotes for Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Review utility bills for Errors and Omissions and Obtaining Refunds
- Assistance obtaining Financing for Energy Improvement
- Assistance with obtaining quotes for solar energy

Whether it be a thorough review of a school's utility bills, help with a natural gas or electric purchase, a walk-through of your facilities identifying opportunities to reduce energy costs, or an energy cost cutting improvement project; MANS energy consultant EnStar Energy has the knowledge and resources to assist. Business Managers, principals, and administrators are urged to attend.

Cross-cutting Concepts: Your New Best Friend

Steelcase Ballroom C

Janyce Huff, Learning Solutions Specialist

Van Andel Education Institute

What are the cross-cutting concepts, and what do they mean for me and my classroom? Unpack each of the cross-cutting concepts and discover how they can help you save time and help your students learn more deeply. If you're looking for a way to integrate learning and make it stick, the cross-cutting concepts might be your new best friend!

SCECH Eligible

Enrolling and Welcoming Latino Families in our Catholic Schools

Vandenberg B

Dave Faber, Superintendent

Office of Catholic Schools - Diocese of Grand Rapids

Luzia Tartari

Office of Catholic Schools - Diocese of Grand Rapids

An open forum about enrollment strategies that are working for outreach to the Latino Community and how to welcome and retain students and families. We will share ideas about needs, strategies, successes, resources.

NWEA: Measuring What Matters
Jessica Knierim, Executive Account Manager
NWEA

Winchester

Come explore NWEA's K-12 Interim Assessments that provide essential information about a student's continuum of learning and growth trajectory. Discover why educators around the globe trust MAP to deliver accurate instructional insights that help them accelerate student learning. Don't miss an opportunity to learn how MAP provides Catholic educators a projected proficiency on the state assessment in addition to on-track college readiness as low as fifth grade!

This vendor presentation and demonstration will highlight:

- Achievement and Conditional growth data on ALL students
- K-12 assessment system for Math, Reading, Language, and Science
- Adaptive assessment for ALL students
- Projected proficiency on state assessment
- Projected College and Career Readiness for ACT/SAT
- Instructional information that teachers can utilize in PLC's to drive instruction
- ROCK-SOLID psychometrics that provides ACCURATE data

SCECH Eligible

Friday, October 18, 2018 – 11:45 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. – Spark Sessions

Utilize Schoolyards to Develop a Nature-based Preschool Program

Expo Hall

Janet Staal, Director of Nature-based/ Outdoor Education

West Side Christian

Katelyn Egnatuk

West Side Christian

The Newtonian Science of Slime

Expo Hall

Maureen Wickenheiser, Teacher

St. Patrick Elementary-Carleton

May I Have this Dance? Dancing with Density

Expo Hall

Maureen Wickenheiser, Teacher

St. Patrick Elementary - Carleton

Friday, October 18, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Growing Confident and Compassionate Student LEADERS... It Starts with US!

Ambassador West

Robert (Bob) Siegel, Principal / Author / Leadership Consultant

Learn to Lead with Love, LLC

READY...SET...LEAD! Learning and Leading with Love = Student Success In this inspirational presentation, you will be reminded of WHY we became educators. Bob will motivate the audience to lead from the heart and create a dynamic TEAM based upon research-based upon leadership principles and many other strategies from his book, Learn to Lead with Love...a Field Guide to Building a Team with Heart, will be used in this presentation. Grow as adult loving leaders so that we can pass the baton of compassionate and confident leadership to our students. Children need us to be loving leaders more than ever, and Bob will show the way to create a dynamic classroom and school. Student Leadership starts with US...our legacy depends on it!

SCECH Eligible

Strategic Marketing

Berkey

Brandon Strong, Executive Director

LaunchVIRTUS

Justin Schultz

LaunchVIRTUS

A comprehensive marketing plan is instrumental in getting brand recognition and prospective students. At no point in the history of marketing and sales has the process and MEM (most effective marketing) changed more than it has in the last fifteen years. Our process will educate school leaders and school stakeholders on the best practices for knowing and understanding how dollars can best be utilized within a strategic marketing plan.

Integrating Theology Across the Curriculum: Everything Points to God the Creator

Governor's Room

Sean Nolan, Theology & World Language Teacher

West Catholic High School

Formal religious instruction happens, typically, in a religion/theology class or in time specifically devoted to religious instruction. However, the formation students receive in every class can help them on their journey of discipleship: if God really created the world to lead all things back into God's kingdom, then we will find evidence of God in every story across typical curricular divides. In this session, we will explore how to think about the various subject-matters and how they lead young people to God.

ADHD Hidden In Plain Sight

Grandview A

Doug Bouman, Psy.S., Nationally Certified School Psychologist

CLC Network

ADHD is the most frequent neurocognitive disorder and the second most inherited condition in the human genome. ADHD is marked by puzzling inconsistency of learning and behavior, disorganization, inability to self-manage and underutilization of ability. Left undiagnosed, misdiagnosed or misinterpreted, it is the source of considerable frustration and discouragement for the student, their family and school staff. The presentation has three goals: 1. What Do We See? Participants will be equipped with user friendly tools for recognizing the obvious and subtle symptoms of ADHD. 2. What Do We Think? Participants will enhance their understanding of the subtleties, complexities and co-occurring conditions surrounding ADHD. 3. What Do We Do? Participants will review non-medical strategies and effective use of medication to manage ADHD.

SCECH Eligible

Engaging the Heart and Imagination in Prayer

Grandview B-C

Mary Clark-Kaiser, Retired Director of Campus Ministry

Aquinas College

This session will be an introduction for educators to a kind of prayer taught by St. Ignatius of Loyola that uses one's heart and imagination to experience and interact with Jesus in imaginative prayer. It is a type of prayer that can engage our youths' hearts, memories, emotions, senses and opens them up to be present and experience Jesus. They learn how to experience Jesus in the context of Gospel scenes. Through this prayer they can see Jesus healing the leper or soothing the fears of the apostles in the fishing boat during a storm. The session will be both experiential and informational. Resource suggestions about imaginative prayer will be provided.

[Sophia Institute: Strong Instructional Practices for Grades 3-5](#)
Veronica Burchard, Vice President for Education Programs
Sophia Institute

Haldane

What does strong instructional practice look like in religion class? Sophia Institute will share resources and techniques for success through its Spirit of Truth k-8 textbook series.

[Know Thy Impact](#)

Heritage Hill

Rachel Turner, Director, Educational Service Provider Unit
GPS Solutions
Sarah Elsesser
GPS Solutions

John Hattie's landmark meta-analysis research helps answer the question of "what works best in education" by ranking various interventions in terms of their effect size. Based on his findings, it is clear that developing teacher-student relationships, teacher clarity, and the effective use of feedback will positively impact student achievement. In this session, participants will develop their understanding of Hattie's research and build their instructional toolbox with proven strategies. •Teachers will understand that building relationships with teachers requires agency, efficacy, and respect. •Teachers will develop their use of empathy and listening to build stronger relationships with their students •Teachers will understand the importance of learning intentions. •Teachers will be able to develop success criteria to give students clarity about whether the desired learning has been achieved. •Teachers will learn to use feedback (teacher to student and student to teacher) to reduce the gap between what is now and what should or could be. •Teachers will use feedback guided by the questions •Where am I going? •How am I going? •Where to next? •Teachers will use feedback with a growth mindset. Please join us to build your effective instruction toolbox!

SCECH Eligible

[Behavior Management Playing Field](#)

Imperial Ballroom

Barbara Newman, School and Church Consultant
CLC Network

This session will help equip participants with a framework to think about setting up each child for success. Borrowing the concept of "offense and defense", we will discover together very practical tools to use with all children, including those with challenging behaviors.

SCECH Eligible

[A Taste of Coaching](#)

Kendall

Mary Moomaw, Senior Director of Fund Development and Communications
Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore
Meg Thomas Ackerman

Imagine classrooms and schools where student engagement and collegial collaboration is the norm. This session will explore how coaching skills can enhance the way you communicate—impacting students, parents, and colleagues alike. We will introduce basic skills that you can add to your existing expertise to shift from focusing on problems to empowering others to achieve personal, school, and community goals. We'll explore what is possible when coaching skills are used intentionally in the classroom, in meetings, and throughout your daily life.

SCECH Eligible

[Creating 21st Century Learners through Positive Habits of Mind](#)
Amanda Makarewicz, Middle School Math and Science Teacher
St. Stephen Catholic School

Nelson

21st century skills are key to our students' success not just academically but in all aspects of life. In this session, we will explore and discuss some key habits of mind. Participants will walk away with ideas and some lesson plans for teaching these habits of mind. There might just be some giveaways too!

SCECH Eligible

[Prayer as a Sensual Experience](#)
Molly Mousseau, Third Grade Teacher
Bishop Baraga School
Chase Closs
Bishop Baraga School

Pearl

Do you use all of your senses when you pray? Find out how! Participants will learn how to create rich prayer and meditation experiences based on the liturgical calendar. Build an atmosphere of prayer in the classroom by engaging students in song and response, meditation, and prayer. Suggestions for decorating your prayer space as well as resources for information.

[What to Expect from your Public District](#)
Kathy Krause, Program and Services Consultant
Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Riverview

Sectional will discuss what services non-public schools can expect from their local public district regarding students with educational needs. Questions regarding specific issues will also be welcomed.

[Cyberspace Minefields](#)
Patrick Corbett, Assistant U.S. Attorney
United States Attorney's Office

Vandenberg A

The Internet is part of our everyday lives and increasingly the preferred method of communication. Thanks to the wide variety of electronic devices available to us, the communications are often instantaneous and uncensored. Our words often leave unintended messages or meanings. And sometimes you say something that you wished you hadn't. When you post on the Internet, your words last forever. Will you LOL yourself all the way to court? This session will show you how online activity and the use of cell phones can get you into criminal trouble – and how to stay out of it.

SCECH Eligible

[The Impact of Catholic Education and Immersion on Latino Families](#)
Joanne Jones, Administrator - Principal
Corpus Christi Catholic School

Vandenberg B

Corpus Christi has been involved in the Latino Enrollment institute with the University of Notre Dame for the past six years. Our school has experienced the blessings of Diversity and opportunity for our Latino students and families. We would like to share our journey and inspire others. Come learn about the possibilities of dual language immersion and available resources.

Friday, October 18, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[Using Tech to Make Curriculum Authentic](#)

Ambassador East

Trevor Muir, Senior Editor

WeAreTeachers

Tech for the sake of having tech is pointless and a waste of time and resources. However, when ed technology is used to make learning authentic, it has an essential purpose in the classroom. This session is about how certain technologies can be used to enhance authenticity in the classroom, assist students in meaningful work, and teach them skills they will need throughout life.

SCECH Eligible

[Boys and Girls Learn Differently](#)

Gerald R. Ford

Karen Boyk,

Gurian Institute and The Einstein Method

Allen Einstein

Learn about the latest brain research as it pertains to literacy for both genders - - do boys and girls really learn differently? This session will provide you with research information, as well as useful strategies to use to engage all students, even the most challenging ones. You will be given tools to help create a learning environment in which both genders experience success.

SCECH Eligible

[Google with Elementary Students](#)

Pantlind Ballroom

John Sowash, Educator

Sowash Ventures, LLC

Think that Google Drive, Classroom, and Chromebooks are too advanced for K-3 students? Think again! This session will focus on practical, hands-on ways use Google with elementary students. We will discuss the practical issues of using technology with young students and provide you with cool lesson ideas and ready-to-use templates that you can take back to your classroom!

SCECH Eligible

[Investigations: Then and Now](#)

Steelcase Ballroom C

Janyce Huff, Learning Solutions Specialist

Van Andel Education Institute

The science investigations we all did as children will not adequately prepare students for the rigorous NGSS expectations. Now students are expected to develop their own questions, create their own investigation plans, and collect adequate and sufficient data to answer their questions. Study before and after examples of investigation and discover how to transform any lesson into an IGSS-aligned inquiry experience.

SCECH Eligible

Friday, October 18, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

[Equitable Services for Private Schools through Federal Programs](#)

Berkey

Janet Callis, State and Federal Programs Consultant - Leadership and School Improvement Unit

Oakland Schools

Jolia Hill

Manager of PSAs, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and Title I, Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency - Wayne RESA

During this interactive session, participants will gain an understanding of the legislative requirements for providing equitable services to private school students, parents, and staff. Alternative ways of holding meaningful consultations and administering equitable services will be reviewed and shared so that participants will be prepared to collaborate with their local districts.

SCECH Eligible

[Adaptations: Accommodations and Modifications](#)

Governor's Room

Pamela Maat, Teacher Consultant

CLC-Network

"Accommodations? Modifications? Alternative Curriculum? This is confusing. What IS the difference?" This presentation will answer the question of what is an accommodation, a modification and alternative curriculum. We will address which students receive accommodations, which receive modifications and which have an alternative curriculum. Do you know that alternative curriculum should rarely be used? So, what does a teacher do? Modify. You will learn the 3 academic modifications, and be equipped to make modifications the next day.

SCECH Eligible

[Think-Alouds in Math](#)

Grandview A

Jill Annable, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Integration

Diocese of Grand Rapids

Think-aloud strategies are often used to increase reading comprehension, but they can also be a powerful tool in the math classroom. Using technology to capture student think-alouds increases student engagement and, more importantly, allows teachers to gain a clearer sense of each student's level of understanding. This makes instruction time more effective. Various technologies will be shared for practical application for all participants.

SCECH Eligible

[Sophia Institute: Strong Instructional Practices for Grades 6-8](#)

Haldane

Veronica Burchard, Vice President for Education Programs

Sophia Institute

What does strong instructional practice look like in religion class? Sophia Institute will share resources and techniques for success through its Spirit of Truth k-8 textbook series.

Get More Grant Funding: A TEAM Approach to Grant Writing

Heritage Hill

*Edward Wollmann, Managing Partner
Michigan Grants Funding, Inc.*

That's because many grant proposals are written by school administrators who just don't have the time required, and who are working alone.

On the other hand, successful schools are working as a team--a grant writing team.

A team-based approach to grant writing can:

---Reduce in the amount of work on everyone's part,

---Result in more and also better proposals completed.

---And that means increased grants success for YOUR school.

SCECH Eligible

Understanding Childhood Trauma: What We See, Think, & Do

Kendall

*Betsy Winkle, School Psychologist
CLC Network*

Trauma has become an increasingly prevalent topic in faith-based education today. With an increased understanding of the neurological changes observed as a result of childhood trauma, educators are better equipped to support learning and behavior of affected students. This in-service provides an overview of what trauma is and how it can impact student development, learning, and behavior in the classroom. Participants will leave with an overview understanding of trauma along with strategies for supporting students impacted by trauma in the school setting.

SCECH Eligible

Lessons Learned from a First-Time Endeavor into Project Based Learning

Nelson

*Amanda Makarewicz, Middle School Math and Science Teacher
St. Stephen Catholic School*

Considering Project Based Learning? Looking for a middle school math project? Come hear the ups and downs of a PBL first attempt in a middle school math classroom. Join in the discussion of why do it, how to approach it and the time needed for a project versus the time it would take to "teach the normal way."

Share and brainstorm ideas for your classroom!

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Best Practice Strategies for Enrollment Growth

Ottawa

*David Faber, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Grand Rapids
Luzia Tartari, Greg Ghering Tartari and Ghering
Diocese of Grand Rapids*

Come explore practical marketing, communications, admissions and enrollment management strategies that are sure to put your school back on a track or to keep your school thriving into the future. The mission of Christian education needs missionary disciples to share their best practices so that we can welcome larger numbers of God's children into our schools and classrooms. Board members, school leaders, and teachers will walk away from this session with new practical strategies to use within their schools.

Standards Tell Us What - Research Tells Us How

Pearl

*Mary Myers, Manton Elementary School Title I Reading Teacher; Read Naturally Teacher Consultant
Manton Elementary School; Read Naturally*

Students must develop the foundational skills necessary to become proficient readers. Standards define what foundational reading skills students should be able to do (K-5), but standards do not tell teachers how to teach. Learn the predictors of reading success and how to implement effective, research-based strategies to accelerate reading development.

SCECH Eligible

A Most Teachable Moment: Crisis Leadership After Tragedy

Riverview

*Bob VandePol, Director of Employee, Church, and School Assistance
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services*

When tragedy strikes a school -- a fatal accident, violence, death by suicide, or natural disaster -- all stakeholders immediately look to its leadership for direction. How those leaders respond when all eyes are upon them offers both tremendous opportunity and serious risk for the subsequent outcomes. Reactions to their leadership will echo throughout the organization as others take their cue from the charted direction. This focus is further intensified any time children are involved in the tragedy. Those internal to the organization and observers from the community scrutinize carefully to see what is being done for those who are most precious. Students, employees, and constituencies will go through the crisis with or without leadership. How do you address the human impacts and financial costs? How do you communicate in a way that demonstrates both competence and compassion? What should you do to mitigate tragedy's occurrence and keep a bad situation from getting worse? This presentation will address crisis leadership skills that support individual and organizational resilience.

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