



Flourishing Learners, Delighting in God, Inspired to Serve

1. October is a very busy month! We celebrated Thanksgiving, had PCCE Teacher's Convention and Parent Teacher Conferences just occurred, and we have a PD Day on November 1st and 9th. With that being said, I feel we have really come together as a staff. You can tell we are becoming UNITED together.

2. PCCE Convention: This is a highlight for our staff as it's such a great opportunity for spiritual renewal, professional growth, networking and connecting with colleagues.

Our Keynote speaker this year was Carlos Whittaker and he was excellent. Carlos spoke to us about the idea of making, creating and rescuing moments. The big take away was about intentionality in those moments and then personally about "killing the spider" in your life, rather than clearing the proverbial cobwebs. Carlos is an amazing speaker who is active with social media. Check out one of his podcasts called "Enter WIld"!

3. Canadian Christian Schools Leadership Conference: This was a great time of learning as the conference focussed on the idea of having a Faithful Presence. The keynote presenter was Sylvia Keesmaat. Sylvia is an adjunct professor at the Toronto School of Theology. Sylvia also taught Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics for ten years at the Institute for Christian Studies. During the smaller sessions, I spent time hearing from her and Ed Noot tag team a two day discussion on SOGI. It was very interesting and informative

4. Covenant Christian Schools 3 year plan: Covenant's Three Year Plan is due upcoming in November. This year, I am continuing to push TtT as the vehicle for our instruction. Specifically this year my plan is to target FLEx opportunities, we even sent two teachers to WE day in order to gain some more resources and more information on service learning. It is the goal to see if we can put an FNMI emphasis on some of these FLEx opportunities. Over the next few years we will also focus on creation of good Essential Questions, as well as reminders on Throughlines and Storyline. Our other

goals encompass increasing our numeracy understanding, ensuring a safe and caring learning environment for all students, and gaining a foundational knowledge in Indigenous studies.

5. During the week before and after the Christian Leadership Conference, Covenant has hosted visitors from Zambia and Australia. These international schools were looking into the Teaching for Transformation model and have heard about CCS as a leader in this.

6. We are continuing to find ways to put a more welcoming touch on the walls/exterior of school. Let's look at the "Be the nice kid" mural above gymnasium wall. Foyer