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UPDATE ON THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHRISTIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION OF BC

Professional Development

The mission of the CPABC is to promote, encourage, and develop servant leaders in Christian education. One of the ways we want to do that moving forward is to be more intentional about communicating opportunities where members of our organization might engage in professional development that would help meet these goals. With this in mind, the following is a list of possible pro-d opportunities for Christian school leaders.

The Van Lunen Center: Executive Management in Christian Schools

This two year program provides training in the area of executive management for individuals who are heads of schools.

www.calvin.edu/vanlunen/about/index.html

The Principal Development Institute (PDI)

Every two years, Christian Schools International (CSI) runs this program which is designed specifically for individuals who have been in administration for less than ten years.

www.csionline.org/pdi

On Twitter?

Here are a few strong educational leadership follows:

- @CACEcenter – “The Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE) aims to sustain, improve, innovate, advocate, and promote Christian education.”
- @gcouros – George Couros. “The best educators change the trajectories of those they serve. Through learning, teaching, writing, and speaking, I continue to aspire to this.”
- @MindShiftKQED – “Mindshift explores the future of learning, covering cultural and tech trends and innovations in education.”

Erase Bullying Training Days

Information on when and where Erase Bullying sessions are provided can be found at this site:

fisabc.ca/professional-learning/erase

The Assistant Principals Colloquium

This 12-month program runs out of the National Excellence in School Leadership Initiative.

www.nesli.education/asapc.html

Conflict Resolution

The Justice Institute (JI) in New Westminster offers an Associate Certificate in Leadership and Conflict Resolution.

According to the board president, FISA will be rolling out some workshops on conflict resolution soon.

Challenging Conversations

The BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association (BCPVPA) offers a half-day workshop on “Challenging Conversations • Learn how to be a leader of challenging conversations that bring people toward resolution and positive results.” (for more information,

bcpvpa.bc.ca/professional-learning-workshops

Faith in Action

Curtis and Julia Tuininga

Curtis Tuininga's recent diagnosis of stage four cancer, which doctors deem to be "incurable", was difficult news to take and hasn't fully sunk in. Curtis has been a close mentor of mine for about five years and has become a cherished friend. I know that he is a loved and respected friend and colleague to many of the members within CPABC circles.

Kevin Visscher (Secondary Principal, Langley Christian School) and I were grateful for our recent opportunity to visit Curt and Julia and stay in their home in Prince George. We arrived about a week after Curt's last official day at school as principal of Cedars Christian School. Kevin and I went with the hope of supporting him, Julia, and the leadership team at Cedars Christian - Shane, Winston and Janice. However, I left having had my soul fed by both Curtis and Julia. The manner in which God speaks and works through each of them is remarkable.

Upon arriving in Prince George, it became immediately clear that despite the cancer diagnosis, Curt's faith and sense of humour continue unabated. Curtis doesn't want pity and he has no intention of moping around each day. However, he does appreciate book recommendations and cookies! He is full of life, full of laughter, and his sense of humour is as playful and self-deprecating as usual. He and Julia give God the glory and thanks for each and every day, for their family, their friends, and for every one of you who are praying for them or have been part of their lives. Curtis particularly enjoyed Kevin's decision to wear a light, "CPABC" embroidered spring jacket, which Kevin carried in his arms as he exited the plane on the tarmac of Prince George airport, in -23 degree weather. We had fun making fun of Kevin for the remainder of our stay.

Curt, Julia, and their three daughters are early in this journey and there remains much uncertainty about what the path ahead will look like, but they are well. They are experiencing tremendous support from the Cedars community and beyond from the fellowship of believers. Your prayers, emails, and messages are all much appreciated. In addition to your prayers for the Tuininga's, please also keep in prayer Shane Nelson, who has taken on the role of principal at Cedars. As Curt continues to say daily: "God is good; all the time."

~ Jeremy Tinsley, Principal, Duncan Christian School



Your CPABC Membership Update

CPABC membership provides you with access to support and programs offered by the CPABC. As a community of Christian school leaders in BC, this support can be invaluable, particularly during the inevitable ups and downs that come within our leadership roles.

The CPABC works with organizations like Christian Schools Canada to help plan the CSC conference that takes place every other year. In addition, we plan yearly conferences that occur during the fall and/or spring. The CPABC represents administrators on the SCSBC Compensation Committee, and additional benefits of membership include the CPABC mentorship program, CPABC directors visits to schools in different regions of the province that are intended to be both community strengthening and an encouragement to you. As the CPABC executive, we also spend time in prayer for each member of the CPABC community, and do our best to provide one-on-one support as needed.

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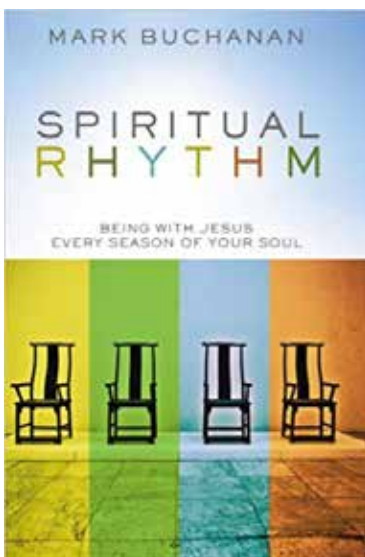
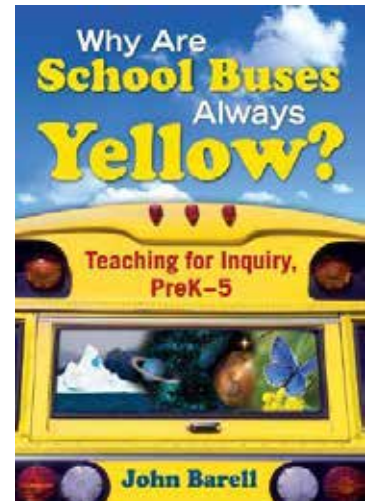
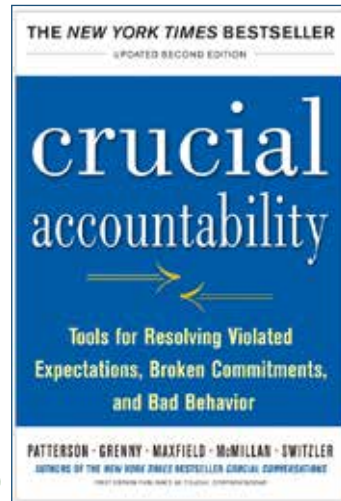
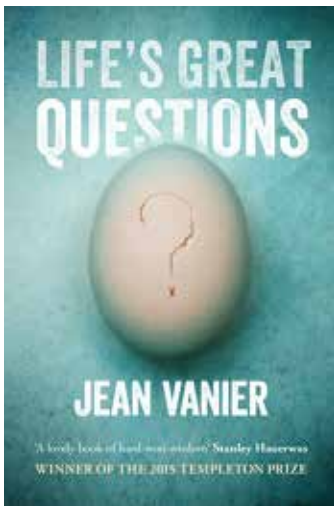
@TheCPABC

Thank you for the many dues payments that we have received at this point in the school year. We appreciate your timely payment of dues, which can be paid by cheque or PayPal.

If you have questions about membership or fees, we would love to hear from you; please connect with me or any of our CPABC directors.

~ Jeremy Tinsley, Treasurer, CPABC jtinsley@duncanchristian.com

Recommended Reading



Spiritual Rhythm: *Being with Jesus Every Season of Your Soul* by Mark Buchanan

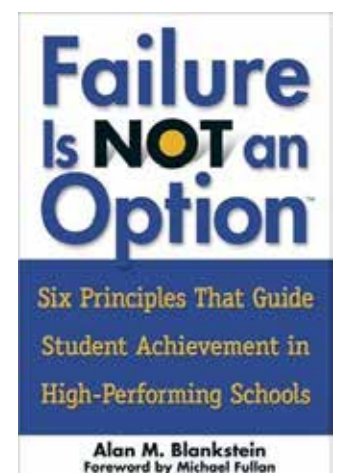
This is a great read that prompts us to examine the seasons of our faith and seasons in life as rhythms likened to the calendar seasons exhibited in Creation. Perhaps work-life balance and the "highs and lows" in our spiritual walks are better considered in terms of rhythms and seasons. Rhythms don't have balance per se, but involve pacing and changing intensities.

Each season has a purpose in life and growth – much like trees that produce good fruit. Arguably each season is necessary. The author, Mark Buchanan, suggests that we pause to consider our spiritual rhythms and seasons of the heart in light of their purpose and potential; enjoying the blessings while recognizing that the difficulties each season may bring could also carry much value. As Buchanan writes, "I pray that this book meets you in whatever season you're in, and prepares you for whatever seasons await. I pray that it helps you find your voice, your stride, your rhythm, in season or out." ~ Review by Melanie Armanini

Failure Is Not an Option: *6 Principles That Advance Student Achievement in Highly Effective Schools*

by Alan M. Blankstein

Our principal took a leadership course at TWU and this was one of the recommended course texts. He found it so valuable for prompting reflection on school leadership and examination of our practice that he suggested our admin team use it as a book study to guide conversation and professional growth as school leaders. *Failure Is Not an Option* provides a compelling overview of key elements of what strong school leadership needs to be actively working on. While not from Christian perspective, the principles are so well-integrated into a Transformational Servant Leadership approach. Each chapter has fuelled great discussion for our admin team as we consider ways to increase school efficacy and take steps to further advance student achievement. ~ Review by Melanie Armanini



Educational Leadership Conference

Engaging God's World

with Neal Plantinga

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. is senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary. Neal was Dean of the Chapel from 1996 to 2001 at Calvin College and served as professor (1979 to 1996) and president (2001-2011) at Calvin Theological Seminary. He writes for the Worship Institute and participates in its major events as a speaker or as a host for other speakers.

For more than a decade Neal co-hosted a summer seminar for preachers on reading for preaching in connection with The Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary. His latest book is *Reading for Preaching: The Preacher in Conversation with Storytellers, Biographers, Poets, and Journalists*.

Neal preaches and speaks regularly and also writes articles and books.

Neal is married to Kathleen. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren.



Spring Conference
May 2-4, 2018

Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center, 4700 Minaker Road, Sumas, WA

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, May 2

- 5:00 Registration
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Welcome, Worship
- 7:30 NEW – SOGI Panel
- 8:30 Free Time/Networking

Thursday, May 3

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 Worship
- 9:45 Session 1
- 11:00 Break
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Session 2
- 2:15 Free Time Activities
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:45 NEW – Dessert Celebration Evening: Sharing our Learning
- 8:00 Free Time/Networking

Friday, May 4

- 7:45 Communion
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 CPABC Business Meeting
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Session 3
- 12:30 Lunch and Departure

Conference Fees

- CPABC members \$350
- Non-members \$425
- Single room: add \$40
- No room: Subtract \$30

Registration deadline: April 20, 2018

Make cheques payable to CPABC

Send to: CPABC c/o SCSBC
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Fees include conference registration, accommodation and meals.

Engaging God's World

How should we live in the world? What should it look like for a Christian school to engage the world? How as leaders do we equip our institutions in such a way that allows us to engage the world? How do we engage the world well and meaningfully when some parents send their kids to a Christian school because they want a bubble ... they want NOT to engage the world? Biblically, what is our calling around this? How does a Christian school respond well to the times we are in?

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