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The world of the Bible is our world and its story of redemption is also our story. If our lives are to be shaped and formed by Scripture, we need to know the biblical story well, to feel it in our bones. Further, we must also know our place within it - where we are in the story, and how we live it out in our lives... The Creator invites you and me into a relationship with himself. What a privilege it is to read God's story, realizing he is writing us into it!

Craig Bartholomew & Michael Goheen

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Convention 2021

After reviewing feedback from last year's convention, looking at Covid-related projections and [speaking with school leaders](#), we will be holding our 2021 Teachers' Convention as a hybrid event. We're hoping that schools will be able to gather onsite for keynotes, worship, meals etc, and then also participate in workshops with their PCCE colleagues virtually. While we look forward with great anticipation to the time we can gather again as a large group, we are also confident that a hybrid model for 2021 will be a great experience.

PCCE Tft Shoutouts

With the absence of parents in our buildings, many of our schools have given extra focus to celebrating student work and/or displaying evidence of learning being connected to God's story in digital spaces. It's a great opportunity for other schools to be able to get a glimpse of the wonderful work our schools/teachers have always been doing. For example, Calgary Christian School has developed a "[Celebration of Learning](#)" page on their website where their teacher's post Throughline connections as they "look to see pieces of God's story woven through all that we are learning." As of right now there are over 10 posts and counting... go check them out!

#TakeMeBackTuesday: [Grade 8 - Art: Perspective](#)

Biblical Story - Restoration

We acknowledge that, as image-bearers of God and part of the restorative story, we too possess the creativity to create beautiful artwork inspired by this order. Rather than assuming that art is built upon purely individual skill and ability, we can challenge students to witness the ways in which famous artists have depended upon and made use of the order and structure that God has put in place. By acknowledging this truth, students can build art that still reflects individual creativity while working within the visual structure He has established. Both the process and the product can then point back to the Ultimate Creator, rather than purely our own individual gifts.

Essential Questions:

Are there rules in art? Can these rules be bent? Broken? Can we be creative while working 'within the rules'?

What does art have to do with math and science?

Would we describe God as an artist, architect or mathematician?

Where do we see evidence of perspective in God's creation? How can we be inspired by what He has made?

How can we show God's character in our art? How might we, as students, use our own art to point back to the Creator intentionally?

Covid-conscious FLEx idea(s)

The students' work can be shared with their school, classroom or throughout the community - senior's homes, adult literacy centers, etc. Essential questions can also be included in displays to help guide viewing.

Thank you - Evelyn Martin & Megan Knibbe

Here is a link to the entire library of [units](#) if you want to explore on your own and/or nominate a unit to be highlighted that's been a blessing to you by sending us an email with the name of the unit and grade.

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Wilson Video

Next in the [series](#) is a [video](#) on confrontation and how to do it well. Again, it is very applicable to your whole staff.

Convention Conversations

Thanks to all who participated. Here is a [summary](#) of our conversations.

Fundraising in Covid

This [article](#) has some interesting ideas for schools to consider. It is from an American organization, so not all aspects may apply to us.

PCCE Podcast Conversations

We will be hosting a conversation through [Zoom](#) this Wednesday (**January 27 at 3:30pm**) to discuss The Curious Christian Teacher Podcast's episode, ["Interview with David Gleeson, Community, Accountability and Induction."](#) David Gleeson is an "inspirationally genuine principal" and in this podcast he discusses the importance of honouring and caring for the school community, inducting new teachers into a Christian school community and being vulnerable and accountable in his leadership role. All PCCE members are invited to join us; however, we think this conversation is especially relevant for Principals, VP's and other leaders/aspiring leaders in your community. Listen to the podcast and come join our conversation on Wednesday!

PCCE AGM

Mark **April 17** on your calendar for our virtual **Annual General Meeting**. In addition to the business aspect of the meeting (reports, budget, new board member, etc), we will be including some workshops of interest to board members, leaders and teachers.



January 27	Podcast Conversation
February 2 & 4	TfT 101 - Session 3 - Throughlines
February 11-12	CSI Bible Symposium
February 19	Christian Deeper Learning Gathering
March 2 & 4	TfT 101 - Session 4 - FLEx
April 17	The PCCE AGM (virtual)
October 21-22	Teachers' Convention (Hybrid Model)



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