



We made it! The 2019-2020 school year is one that we won't forget. Thanks so much for your contributions to Christian education.



Whether you are a teacher, a staff member, a school leader or a Board member, your role in equipping students to play their part in God's unfolding story is important and appreciated!

Also, this will be our last Prairie Page until August. Our staff will be enjoying their summer break, but as always, if you have an urgent need, please send us an email and we will respond!

LOVING

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Author Unknown

LEARNING

Although you are probably so ready for summer vacation, you may eventually want to have a look at [this document](#) that collates the remote-learning lessons we've learned, some ideas for blended/hybrid learning, ideas of school-reopening and some of the key articles we've found. This is one of the things we found most interesting as it gives the perspective of the students:

[Biggest challenges for students](#). Top 5 in order of frequency:

1. Organizing and keeping track of everything. Strategy: Consistent schedule/time for synchronous sessions, all assignments in one place

- with hyperlinks,
2. Motivation to get things done. Strategy: video conferencing with students in small groups or one-on-one to set goals, create a schedule, prioritize tasks, break down instructions, check-in with google form
 3. Finding a quiet spot to learn and work
 4. Frequency of having to hand in assignments as doing things online takes more time
 5. The assignments. Strategy: clear expectations, no “long boring” videos

LEADING

As we finish up our first year of the Tft Instructional Coaching Cohort we want to thank all of the schools that participated. We started with 11 schools and by the end of the school year we had 13 schools represented in our cohort. We met with the whole group in person in the fall and Jeremy connected formally with the Tft leads 1-on-1 (mostly through Zoom) every 6 weeks. Each lead developed a Deep Hope for their role and collaborated on strategies to help achieve that Deep Hope. Jeremy worked with the leads to plan PD days, improve leadership skills, pray together, collaborate on local initiatives, connect them with other “experts.” share stories (“people of try, not perfection”), etc. Here were some of the reflections from this year’s cohort:

- “What I appreciated was the shared sense of responsibility for the awesome task of revealing who God is through learning. It was a safe, nurturing space of honest vulnerability wherein we could listen to understand, support and be supported, and collectively dream possibilities in our particular contexts.”
- “Tft Instructional Coaching Cohort helped me to set attainable goals for what I hoped to accomplish as a Tft lead at CCS. The periodic check in times and meetings with other Tft leads were beneficial in that goals were revisited to keep us on track and ideas and challenges were shared and worked through together.”
- “In particular I appreciated learning some ‘better’ practices from you and the others in the group. I appreciate the activities, and protocols that I can take back to our staff. So I'm glad that I don't have to design everything from scratch, but that I can "steal like an artist" from the protocols that I've learned through PCCE PD.”
- “The biggest reason that we should continue to have these meetings is the encouragement and community that we receive as a group. As a group, we are better, we can share joys and struggles and receive hope from each other.”

The Instructional Coaching Cohort model proved to be a fantastic way to stay connected with schools and for schools to stay connected with some of the best practices in Christian education. In light of this, we are planning on continuing with this structure in the upcoming school year. Our hope is that all of our member schools will participate in this cohort at some point, and so if you want to learn more about our 2020/2021 Tft Instructional Coaching Cohort please email Jeremy (jhorlings@pcce.ca).

The BC Planning team has been working hard to move our fall Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference online. It will now be a [one day event on October 8](#).

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