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HS4 Learning Services Newsletter ~ November 2021

From the desk of the Director of Learning...

When Dr. Ron Ritchhart invited us to consider what we wanted our students we are currently teaching to be like as adults, it most certainly sparked some rich discussion. Faith-filled, resilient, independent, empathetic, creative, and engaged are just a few that surfaced... the list that was generated in each group was surely extensive. I couldn't help but notice the similarity in each list to the student competencies: critical thinking, problem solving, information management, creativity & innovation, communication, collaboration, citizenship, personal growth and well-being, are all attributes we no doubt want our students to embody as they go out into the world as adults. We can all agree that these are the qualities that we want our students to have as graduates of Holy Spirit, so how does the learning our students engage in today promote the development of these important attributes?

Ron also challenges us to consider the 'new' story of education and how to change the story of 'work' into the story of 'learning'. As we consider the next steps in our own learning and continue to create schools where thinking is valued and actively promoted, I invite you to discuss with colleagues what is the story of learning we truly want to tell and make a reality for our students? And more importantly, how are we going to commit to making that happen?

Carmen Larsen - Director of Learning

**Share feedback about our District PD/Collaboration
Day!**

Please take a moment to complete this brief survey the share your thoughts on our day of learning held on Monday, October 25th. Your feedback will help inform us in planning our next day together.



Alberta Assessment Consortium

The work of AAC is guided by [four main purposes](#):

- #1 Advocate...
- #2 Contribute...
- #3 Develop...
- #4 Enhance...

AAC everyday assessment tools to support student learning.

Other professional learning opportunities - quick glance [here](#)

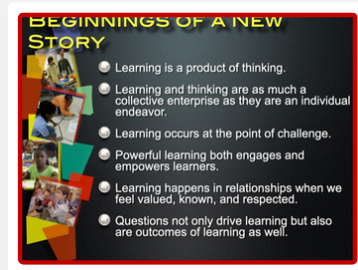
[Log in](#) with your Holy Spirit Google account to access all member resources!



Beginning Teachers and Classroom Assessment

Session 1: Nov 17
AAC Website Tour
Session 2: Nov 24
The TQS & Assessment
Session 3: Dec 1
Formative Assessment 101
Session 4: Dec 8-10
Strategies
Session 5: Dec 15
Differentiation

For more information click [here](#)



Beginnings of a New Story

[*Dr. Ron Ritchhart*](#)

challenges us to begin a new story with these...

* **Beginnings of a New Story** [here](#)

* **Eight Cultural Forces:** [8 Forces That Shape Group Culture.pdf](#)

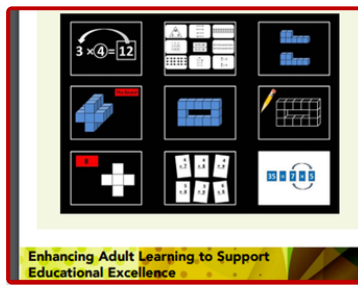
* **The Understanding Map** in [English](#) or [French](#)

* **Thinking Routines?** *I Used to Think . . . Now I Think?* **

* **Thinking Routines Matrix** [here](#) & [Project Zero Toolbox](#)

HS4 Remote Professional Learning Calendar

Check out our shared calendar highlighting many upcoming PD opportunities. Be sure to enter your name for a DOOR PRIZE DRAW - just for stopping by!



FREE Math Resources - selected by the Calgary Regional Consortium Team

As teachers of math, we know the importance of visualization and reasoning. These resources are **free** (yah!) and they do an excellent job in promoting student visualization and reasoning.

Gr K-2 Math: [The Erikson Institute: Early Math Collaborative](#)

Gr 3-6 Math: [Steve Wyborney's Multiplication Course](#)

Gr 6-12 Math: [Desmos Learn and Go](#)

Gr 3-12 Math: [Theresa Wills & her free templates & math routines](#)

A Prayer for November

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life.

In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith.

When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen.

May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to You.

Saint Therese, intercede for me.
Saint Therese, strengthen my faith.



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