

SECONDARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY – NOVEMBER 24, 2023

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Keynote Address – Dr. Niigaan Sinclair

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Truth and Reconciliation: What is your role? |
| Entity Hosting | Indigenous Team |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Dr. Niigaan Sinclair |
| Description | <p>Dr. Niigaan Sinclair, is one of Canada’s leading voices in Truth and Reconciliation. In this keynote address he will be exploring the educator’s role in Truth and Reconciliation with connections to the Catholic faith.</p> <p>“Education is the key to Reconciliation. Education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of it” ~ Murray Sinclair, former Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Retired Senator and Judge</p> <p>Please be mindful that the content in the learning of the history and experiences of Indigenous peoples may be triggering for educators and learners.</p> <p>Please notify the Indigenous Education Team if you have any concerns or require any support.</p> |

Cooperative Education Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours for Secondary |
| Topic | Safety and Cooperative Education |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Sara Wilson |
| Description | <p>Cooperative Education Teachers will be meeting with a representative from the Canadian Safety Group, Sara Wilson, to discuss updated safety around Cooperative Education placements. Milwaukee Tools will also be meeting with the Cooperative Education teachers to discuss and give a demonstration on CSA approved personal protective equipment.</p> |

Religious Education & Family Life Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Unlearn Curriculum Connections |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Abhi Ahluwalia, Samaer Gill and Amanda Boyer |
| Description | |
| <p>Staff will be participating in training which will focus on the curriculum connections guide for <i>Unlearn</i> Poster Pack 4 which supports equity, diversity and inclusion in our schools and classrooms. This guide provides teaching staff with strategies to implement the posters as a resource in their classrooms.</p> <p><i>unlearn</i> is an organization whose mission is to provoke thought to inspire positive change, to support teaching and support staff in fostering equity as a foundation for student achievement, promoting student and staff well-being, and to improve equitable outcomes for all students.</p> <p>The session will challenge participants to think critically about bias, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Participants will be guided through activities designed to increase the awareness of everyone and highlight the bias we all have, and to better understand how we can use this awareness to create a safe, caring and inclusive environment, promoting dignity and respect for all.</p> <p>The topics addressed in Poster Pack 4 are Indigenous topics including residential schools, women in sports, representation matters, refugees, technology and family relationships, climate change and more.</p> | |

Business, Communication Technology, Computer Studies Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Certifications for SHSM - Experiential Learning |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Niagara Catholic Staff |
| Description | |
| <p>The staff will be trained on how to access certification for the Specialist High Skill Major Program and acquire the skills to generate their own certificates to bolster their programs.</p> <p>Staff will investigate various experiential learning opportunities to help broaden students' knowledge of themselves and of a range of career opportunities.</p> | |

Guidance Staff Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours for Secondary |
| Topic | MyBlueprint and Course Selections for Grades 8-12 |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Brad Booker |
| Description | |
| <p>Guidance staff will be meeting with a representative from the Education Planner software site MyBlueprint, Brad Booker, to discuss the course selection process and updates needed. Brad will also be sharing ideas from other Boards regarding the tracking of E-Learning/Opt Out process as well as Specialist High Skills Major information and requirements.</p> | |

Educational Resource Teachers, Special Education Class Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Intervenors Workshp

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | All About U & I: Building universal and inclusive supports for Niagara Catholic students |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB (Location - Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School) |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Nadya Tymochenko, Partner, Miller Thomson Rick Hansen Foundation Difference Makers Student Support Department Staff |
| Description | |
| <p>Educational Resource Teachers, Special Education Class Teachers, Educational Assistants, and Intervenors will all participate in the day's activity.</p> <p>Keynote speakers Nadya Tymochenko, Partner, Miller Thomson and a Difference Maker from the Rick Hansen Foundation will shed light on the the unique challenges education workers face when considering accessibility standards and incorporating universal and inclusive supports for students, as well as celebrating the possibilities we bring to students when we build communities where everyone can go achieve their full potential without barriers.</p> <p>A hands-on portion of the day, Making universal support visual, will engage participants lived experiences to identify how to maximize universal visual supports for students with multiple needs, across both elementary and secondary panels.</p> | |

Mathematics Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 hours |
| Topic | Math Achievement Action Plan Preparation |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Jeff Martin and Stef Markovich |
| Description Part 1: This session will provide Math Departments and Administrators with some tools for implementing the High Impact Instructional Practices into their math courses in conjunction with their Math Achievement Action Plans and Student Achievement Plans. Part 2: Math Departments and their Administrators will have an opportunity to plan for the implementation of their plans within their school. | |

Grade 9, 10 & 12 English Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Implicit/Explicit Instruction in the Destreamed ENL1W Classroom |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Facilitated by Destreaming Coaches Carla Agbonwaneten & Diana Lucchetta, Guest Speaker Anne Marie Longpre (TDSB) |
| Description Guest speaker Anne Marie Longpre (Toronto District School Board) will present using Anita Archer's framework for direct and explicit instruction, while providing ready-made resources for incorporating the new Foundations of Language strand in ENL1W. This presentation will focus on the merits of a destreamed class; with a focus on classroom management, equity and inclusion, and nurturing the love of reading. Evidence-based instructional pedagogy such as Universal Design, Triangulation of Data, and Growing Success will be discussed. Longpre will share her student success stories, teacher challenges and potential solutions, lesson planning resources in addition to unit examples with direct connections to the new ENL1W curriculum and the transition to grade 10 English. NCDSB destreaming coaches will facilitate extension and connection instructional activities with secondary teachers to create practical, department-based resources to implement ENL1W initiatives. Participants should bring a device to the session. | |

Grade 11 - NBE Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Setting up the Culturally Safe and Responsive Classroom Environment for NBE Educators |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | NBE Writing Team: Tim Chalmers, Zachary Rondinelli, Cristina Chimienti, Irene Costantini |
| Description: The NBE Writing Team will lead educators on how to apply the knowledge bank to support the implementation of the curriculum. Educators will leave this session with a greater understanding of how to establish a classroom environment that reflects multifaceted learners. Educators will develop cohesion in the delivery of the NBE course. Key learnings will be centered around instruction in Oral Communication, Literature Studies, Writing, and Media Studies, built on a solid foundation of knowledge of English language conventions. | |

Science Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours for Secondary PM |
| Topic | Science: A look at resources for April 8th 2024 |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Heidi-Ann Poltl with Dr. Thad Harroun |
| Description Dr. Thad Harroun, Brock University Physics Department will join us to share what the Niagara Region and the province are doing to prepare for April 8th 2024. We will be sharing the plans for the on-the-day event, draw from the Royal Astronomical Society materials, and discuss the key things about the event: significance, safety, local responses, and activities. In-class activities will be shared and teachers are asked to contribute ideas as to what they would like to see in their classes. *Possibilities for guest speakers, Brock students to help run topic specific labs and so on. Teachers are asked to bring a device. | |

Success Teachers Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours for Secondary |
| Topic | Best Practices and Sharing of Duties |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Niagara Catholic DSB Staff |
| Description Success teachers will be meeting to discuss best practices around their portfolio. A description of each school's success classroom and duties will be shared with the group. We will review month by month duties and activities to gain a better understanding of some common ground that all success teachers cover, as well as some unique specialty roles and tasks completed at each school community. The hope would be to establish an updated and current job description with a breakdown of some common monthly duties and responsibilities. This will help guide new success teachers and allow the group to hear all the wonderful things being done throughout the system. Hopefully, people will gain some insights and new ideas to help students. | |

Construction, Manufacturing, Automotive & Culinary Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours for Secondary |
| Topic | Best Practices and Sharing of Duties |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Terry Potts |
| Description The lead instructor for Niagara College Dual Credits, Terry Potts, will be presenting the OYAP Level 1 Construction Program that is team taught by a Niagara Catholic District School Board Teacher and an Instructor from Niagara College. She will provide an overview of the program and how it can be paired with other sectors. They will also discuss the opportunities for Niagara College SHSM experiences for various sectors, Young Women in Trades Day as well as College pathways for students in Tech. | |

History, Geography & Civics/Law Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 hours |
| Topic | Empowering Social Science Educators Through Collaboration |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Antonio Gambale, Lauren Serravalle, Sandro Seca |
| Description | <p>History, Geography, and Civics/Law teachers will engage in teacher-led professional development sessions aimed at reviewing teaching strategies and assessment techniques specific to their subject areas. Teachers will be encouraged to share lessons and best practices to access a range of valuable resources and materials tailored their specific needs. This session will enable educators, regardless of their experience level, to explore teaching strategies and assessment methods independently and within small groups to create a cohesive approach to teaching, assessment, and evaluation in similar courses throughout the system.</p> |

Health & Physical Education Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Teaching Games for Understanding (Zone and Net Wall Games) |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Mike Robinson and Holly Hanchiruk |
| Description | <p>This session will demonstrate how to sequentially build game concepts using Zone and Net/Wall games. The session will involve playing active games that will demonstrate the strategies and tactics that connect and are transferable to all Zone and Net/Wall games and the connection to the Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum.</p> |

Secondary Arts Teacher Workshops

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | Full Day |
| Topic | Exploring The Arts - Secondary |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Ontario Music Educators Association, Shaw Festival, Riverbrink Art Museum |
| Description <p>Music Educators will attend a full day of collaborative inquiry at the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts at Brock University. Sessions will provide a platform for educators to collaborate, share resources and lesson plans, and assessment and evaluation strategies. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to attend an optional workshop presented by Noteflight Learn, where they can explore this technology as a music education teaching tool and stay updated with the latest advancements in this program.</p> <p>Drama Educators will attend a full day of learning at the Shaw Festival. Participants will have the opportunity to experience workshops on topics such as presentation/communication skills, gamification/roleplay, improvisation as a life skill, 'found object' puppetry, and directing effectively. Teachers will leave energized and armed with resources to use in the classroom setting and receive information about The Shaw's programming for schools and youth.</p> <p>Visual Arts Educators will attend a full day of collaborative inquiry at the Riverbrink Art Museum. Educators will receive a tour of the collection at the museum and learn about the artwork selected for the collection, including the new exhibition featuring local Indigenous bead artist, Samuel Thomas. Participants will also engage in best practice sharing, and should come prepared to participate in discussion about resources, lesson planning, and assessment in the visual arts classrooms at all levels.</p> | |

Secondary FSL Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 hours |
| Topic | De-streaming support in the Secondary FSL program |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Mary Vetere |
| Description: The session will continue to focus on how to support all students in the FSF1D. We will continue to make connections to the CEFR to support where our students are and how to move them forward. We will also discuss ways to have students continue the program beyond grade 9. | |

Secondary MLL Teacher Workshop

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| Date | November 24, 2023 |
| Length | 2.5 Hours |
| Topic | Supporting Multilingual Learners In The Grade 9 Destreamed English Classroom |
| Entity Hosting | Niagara Catholic DSB |
| Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s) | Christina LeRose |
| Description: Secondary Multilingual Language educators will collaborate to create a systematic scope and sequence to support secondary English Language Learners. The production of a digital knowledge bank to be stored within the Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment will result in the provision of systematic resources for all educators. The primary purpose of this professional learning session is to learn how to implement best practices that prioritize student skill development in the areas of spoken and written English Language Acquisition skills that will help students progress through the ENL1W course. | |