



**This is the last Prairie Page for the 2024-25 year. "See you" in the fall!**

**Convention 2025:** Expanding on our "Deeper" theme that we've used for the last several Teachers' Conventions, this year we'll be looking at "Deeper: Positivity, Passion, Purpose" and our keynote speaker will be [Dr. Dave Mulder](#). You can find more information about the theme, Dave Mulder, accommodations and the convention format at the [PCCE Convention website](#). More information will be added over the summer and registration will open on September 1.

## Living

We want to thank all of you for the passion and dedication you committed to your school communities this year and send a special blessing to all of those that are moving on to a new chapter in God's Story next year. The next Page will be distributed on August 26, 2025.

### A Blessing for the End of the School Year

As this school year draws to a close,  
May you pause and give thanks  
For another season of playing your part in God's great Story.

Teaching, leading, serving, supporting,  
All with the aim of helping students see who they are in Christ  
And the part they are called to play.

We thank God for the joys, the moments of wonder, discovery, and delight,  
And we bless Him too for the challenges,  
For He has used both to grow us in grace, wisdom, and resilience.

Whether this was your first year stepping into the calling of Christian education,  
Or your final year closing a faithful chapter,  
Know that your work matters deeply.

This calling—to shape hearts and minds in light of God's truth—is sacred.

May this summer be a time of re-creation and restoration:

A chance to breathe deeply,  
To delight in God's good gifts,  
To be renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

May we finish this year with a deep assurance  
that He who calls you is faithful,  
And He will continue to equip you for every good work.

Go in peace, with our gratitude and God's grace.

(with assistance from ChatGPT)

## Learning

### Some Summer Reading/Listening Recommendations:

1. ["Every Square Centimetre" Podcast](#) - Some new episodes will be released this summer, which includes celebrating two teachers from the PCCE family: Erika Anderson (Immanuel Christian Secondary School in Lethbridge) and Heather-Joy Freake (Fort McMurray Christian School). The ESC podcast offers some light listening while being introduced to some of the best educators in Christian schools across Canada and beyond.
2. [Blessed Are The Undone](#) - This book seeks to describe and document the Canadian "deconstructing faith" scene. Readers are especially appreciating this book because the authors are Canadian and provide a unique glimpse into the current Canadian church situation.
3. [A Non-Anxious Presence: How a Changing and Complex World Will Create a Remnant of Renewed Christian Leaders](#) - Mark Sayers provides a compelling explanation of our current global situation and his thoughts seem especially vital for guiding Christian schools through cultural disruption with clarity, conviction, and hope. You can get a glimpse into his thoughts in [this adapted excerpt](#). He is also a regular on the [Rebuilders podcast](#).
4. [Always Becoming, Never Arriving: Developing an Imagination for Teaching Christianly](#) - Dave Mulder, our keynote speaker at the 2025 PCCE Convention in October, published this book last fall. Dave invites Christian educators to see teaching as a lifelong, Spirit-shaped journey of formation—encouraging them to humbly and faithfully imagine their work as a dynamic response to God's call in every classroom moment.

## Leading

### End of the Year Reflections

As you lead your staff through the end-of-the-year activities, consider setting aside some time for them to reflect upon the year. Here are some questions to consider: How has your Deep Hope impacted the teaching and learning in your classroom? How might you revise your Deep Hope next year? List three highlights from the year. Describe one "game changer" (an unexpected event that shifted your priorities). What didn't go as well as expected and what will you do differently next time?

**Farewells:** As the year draws to a close, we want to thank all of you who have served in leadership roles this past year.

- Board Members: your commitment to Christian education and your willingness to use your gifts, skills and time in the governance of your school are appreciated. If your term is finished, enjoy finding other ways to play your part in God's unfolding Story.
- As mentioned at our Leadership Cohort gathering in May, we also have principal colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities.
  - Jadan Barthel - Calgary Christian School
  - Geannette Lehman - Gateway Christian School
  - Donavin Simmons - Covenant Christian School
  - Jason Visser - Taber Christian School
- Assistant Principals: we also have several assistant principals who are moving to new positions and opportunities. We wish you well as you continue to use your leadership skills in new places.

## Looking Ahead

**September 1:** Teachers' Convention registration opens

**October 23 - 24:** PCCE Teachers' Convention - Lacombe, Alberta

**March 7, 2026:** PCCE Leadership & Governance Conference and AGM

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