

Living

below to use with your students. But over the next few weeks, we'll use this space as a place for you as a Christ-follower yourself to reflect on Advent. As a reminder, in the words of Kate Bowler, here is a description of Advent. Advent is a season of expectancy and preparation—and, perhaps surprisingly,

the beginning of the Christian calendar. In the church, the year doesn't start

Advent begins next Sunday. For teachers, you can find several resources

with "New Year, New Me," but with the hopeful anticipation of a baby who will come to make all things new. It always ends on December 24, and then Christmas begins and lasts until January 6 (Yes, those twelve days. Are certain songs making more sense now?). Advent and Christmas are as different as different could be. One is all eager anticipation and the other joyful fulfillment. This Advent, may you find yourself surprised and delighted by a God who would come in such fragile form, and may the kingdom of God break into your

home, under your tree, around your table, and in your heart. Learning

Advent 2025

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th this year. Here are some resources to help bring the advent season into focus in your classroom/school:

 A <u>25 Day Devotional</u> called "Christ Has a Name" that highlights Scripture and provides some reflection prompts.

 This site provides some advent activities, as well as, some examples of customs and traditions from different cultures during the advent season.

An Advent Prayer Guide that presents a Biblical journey through some of

the key characters in the Bible and provides some questions to ponder. The <u>BibleProject</u> offers an Advent guide.

24-7Prayer offers a Lectio prayer for each day and during the next few

- weeks, they will focus on the Advent season.
- A collection of ideas/activities for the advent season that include a <u>Jesse</u> Tree craft and devotional, a children's book recommendation and a Scripture Advent Calendar activity for older students.
- Prioritizing Formational Pedagogy in Schools In a recent article in "The Link," Darren Spyksma (SCSBC Associate Executive

Director) reflected on the impact that our daily choices make in a classroom

and how those decisions can "become small but powerful acts of discipleship that teach belonging, responsibility, grace, and community." Over the next few

weeks we'll share Darren's reflection questions in each of the areas he focuses on and add more questions connected to TfT practices: Classroom Jobs: 1. Do classroom jobs emphasize efficiency or formation—or both? How do I connect classroom responsibilities with the deeper call to

- serve others?
 - 3. How can I use classroom jobs as a tool for awareness that invites
 - students to be others-centred throughout the day? 4. TfT - How can I students practice Throughlines in our classroom?

5. TfT - What long term learning target can I use to connect classroom

- jobs to my Storyline or Deep Hope?
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your whole board!

VanLunen Program

Leading



As you begin your budget and calendar planning for next year, be sure to include Christian Schools Canada's Leadership Conference in your plans: October 5-7 in Whistler BC. Keynote speaker will be Sam Wells. Governance & Leadership Conference

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workshops, meaningful networking, and good food! The event will be held in Calgary and we encourage you to come with a team - rent a vehicle and bring

Leadership Cohort @ Entheos

If you are looking for a high quality Christian school leadership program, the Van Lunen Center is worth looking at. They offer two programs, with applications for both accepted until February 28: Ascending Leaders - for people looking to move into a head leadership role.

VanLunen Fellows - an executive management track.

As you (board & leadership team) look ahead to the next few months, please

get March 7 on your calendar for PCCE's annual one-day event aimed at society boards and key leaders. You can expect relevant and practical

leadership team at this event! **Book Club** We will hold our first zoom gathering to read through "A Non-Anxious Presence"

by Mark Sayers on Dec 1 from 11:00-12:00 MT. Please read Part 1 (up to page

Mark May 7-8 on your calendar for our annual gathering of PCCE Leaders at the Entheos Retreat Centre near Calgary. We look forward to hosting your

Looking Ahead

December 8 or 10, 2025: TfT 101 Session 2 on Zoom

May 7-8, 2026: Leadership Cohort gathering at Entheos

Even if you didn't sign up, feel free to join us on zoom.

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

October 5-7, 2026: Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference

October 22 - 23, 2026: PCCE Teachers' Convention

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December 1, 2025: Book Club

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