

VC Connect 2018

- F** Food/Refreshments **G** General Session 1 **N** General Session 2 **R** General Session 3 **K** Keynote
- P** Personal Enrichment Session

MARCH 9 • FRIDAY

6:30am – 8:00am **F** **Coffee Cart** Gym Breezeway (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
Do you need some caffeine to start your morning? Come get an espresso drink to start things off right.

8:00am – 9:20am **K** **Worship and Keynote "The Power of One Caring Adult"**
Presenters: Reggie Coates, Josh Shipp, VC Students Conservatory Hall (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
Foster kid, class clown, rebel without a clue, and expert trouble maker, Josh Shipp was written off, kicked out, and made it a point to be every adult's worst nightmare, until one caring adult changed everything. You will learn from his wealth of experience in working with teens, parents, and educators from every walk of life. This message is part inspirational "keep at it" and part practical seminar "here's exactly what to do."

9:30am – 10:20am **G** **Be Internet Awesome!** E401 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
Presenters: Steve Parmenter
Come explore the world of Interland, an online gaming environment with four worlds that teaches kids to be smart, safe, kind, and brave online. In addition to hearing how the junior high campus used this online curriculum during a digital citizenship-themed day, you'll complete the game and be awarded a certificate of Internet Awesomeness!

9:30am – 10:20am **G** **Love & Logic Discussion** E200 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
Presenters: Bev Hiatt
Spend some time discussing Love & Logic in the classroom. Bring Love & Logic ideas that work, questions you have and a willingness to have a great discussion.

9:30am – 10:20am **G** **Mere Orthodoxy** E203 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
Presenters: Adam Nigh
Mere Orthodoxy. As Christians, how do we differentiate primary and secondary doctrines? As Christian educators, how do we prepare our students for college in a way where they will be able to hold onto their faith without being closed minded? This seminar will offer a brief historical survey of the ways Christians have successfully and unsuccessfully sought to preserve both doctrinal unity and diversity without falling into either division or doctrinal compromise. From this historical sketch, we will discuss strategies for helping our students differentiate the claims that a Christian should die for from those they can honestly wrestle with without abandoning their faith in Christ.

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Presenters: Dr. Guven Library (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
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9:30am – 10:20am	G	Q & A Session with Josh Shipp "Common Challenges and Practical Solutions" <i>Presenters: Josh Shipp</i> Keynote speaker, Josh Shipp, will be available to dig deeper into the issues and answer follow up questions.	Conservatory Hall (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
9:30am – 10:20am	G	Taking a Bite Out of Apple Classroom <i>Presenters: Nancy Franklin</i> Learn how to EASILY monitor your students iPad activity, lock students into an app for tests, and much more! Please make sure your iPad is on iOS 10.3 or higher, and download Moodle Mobile and Classroom	E405 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
10:30am – 11:20am	N	Building Relationships...What You do Makes a Difference! <i>Presenters: Ronimarie Apruebo</i> Through her touching testimony, Ronimarie will share how caring adults in education from elementary school to high school helped her survive abandonment, sexual & physical abuse, homelessness, and much more. Hear how what you're already doing is making a HUGE impact in the lives of your students and receive new ideas for how to continue God's important work.	E203 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
10:30am – 11:20am	N	EPIC Collaboration <i>Presenters: Diana Fairchild</i> EPIC Collaboration...Experiential, Participatory, Image Rich and Connected. Evidence of collaborative problem solving is the new buzz phrase in college admissions. This sessions will help teachers to build opportunities for collaboration in their classrooms through learning stations that create peer engagement as well as student teacher engagement.	Library (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
10:30am – 11:20am	N	From Buddha to Jesus: What it Means for the Asian Student to Shift Their Religious Paradigm <i>Presenters: Kris Rapazzini</i> Hear from our own students in a panel discussion about what it's like in family and personal life when they decide to embrace Christianity, and how VCS can best support these students educationally and emotionally.	E404 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
10:30am – 11:20am	N	GradeSlam: Reclaiming Classtime - An Introduction to Online Tutoring and How it Helps You in the Classroom <i>Presenters: Saad Benryane, VC Students, Alyssa Tuman</i> Come get an orientation to GradeSlam, a 24/7 online tutoring tool that the Junior High campus has provided for its students this year. Below are some features of GradeSlam that will be covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7, live unlimited academic help in all subjects • SMS and whiteboard tools • Essay Writing Review • Analytics • Teacher dashboard with analytics, student tutoring session summaries, 	E300 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)

10:30am – 11:20am	N	<p>Navigating Life: A Conversation Guide to Life's Difficult Situations</p> <p><i>Presenters: Jon Sizelove</i> E206 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p>"I hate my life!"..."My teachers hate me!"..."I hate my mother!"..."I have no friends."..."My life is ruined."... What do you say in moments like this? How should you act towards someone who is deeply hurting? How do you help someone who is struggling with some aspect of their life? This session will explore a new conversational framework created from a joint venture between Fuller Youth Institute and Calvary Church Los Gatos. This framework is specifically designed to help parents, teachers and youth leaders as they interact and counsel students. This framework provides tools to encourage students to: step back and gain perspective, take ownership of their actions, view options and decide on a course of action. This approach can allow for honest and open conversations that will deepen one's relationships and open one's eyes to what God is doing in their life.</p>
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<p>PowerTeacher PRO E221 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p><i>Presenters: Lauren Chaplin, Alexis Schneider</i></p> <p>Did you know that PowerSchool has a new product designed to make teachers lives easier? Come to this session to find out about PowerTeacher PRO, a program that gives you some new options in your gradebook – including at-a-glance performance reports for your class AND changing that annoyingly tiny font. We'll also share feedback from teachers who have been piloting Pro this year.</p>
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<p>Supporting Students with Challenging Behaviors in the Elementary Classroom</p> <p><i>Presenters: Abra Martinez</i> E210 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p>Techniques and strategies will be shared to support, understand, and teach students with behavior challenges in your classroom.</p>
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<p>The Phases of a Teenage Human Conservatory Hall (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p><i>Presenters: Dave Tieche</i></p> <p>Every teacher knows, instinctively, that there is a difference between an 8th grader and a 10th grader, between a 6th grader and an 8th grader, and even an 11th grader and a 12th grader. But what exactly are those differences? Join best-selling author and educator David Tieche who will take you inside the teen brain and present the latest research about teens to help you uniquely understand what teens in each grade and age are going through socially, physically and developmentally. These snapshots outline the particular changes that teenagers undergo at every age from 11-18. Tieche will also outline exactly what teens need from grownups at each stage and the key actions you can take to be the most effective educator you can be. There will also be an open time of Q&A to address particular and specific questions.</p>
11:30am – 12:00pm	F	<p>Blue Rock BBQ Main Gym (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p><i>Moderators: VC Connect Team</i></p> <p>Lunch will be catered by Blue Rock BBQ. Our menu includes Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Beef Brisket, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans (both regular & vegetarian options), Grilled Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, and Slider Buns. You will not leave hungry! You must register for lunch and bring your "Lunch Ticket"</p>
12:00pm – 12:25pm	F	<p>Raffle Drawing Main Gym (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p><i>Moderators: Shirley Hitchcock</i></p> <p>We have some great prizes for our raffle this year. You can win gift certificates, Wearing Jeans for a week, and much more! Bring your yellow "Raffle Ticket" plus any others you have found or won.</p> <p>MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!</p>
12:25pm – 12:40pm	F	<p>Ice Cream Sundaes Main Gym (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)</p> <p><i>Moderators: VC Connect Team</i></p> <p>To finish off our meal, we will have an Ice Cream Sundae station. Possible ice cream flavors are: Vanilla, Cookies N' Cream, Mocha Almond Fudge and Raspberry Sorbet. There will also be toppings! You must register for dessert and bring your pink "Dessert Ticket" with you if you intend to have an ice cream sundae.</p>

12:50pm – 1:35pm	R (Mis)Information in the Media: More than "Fake News"	E303 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
<p><i>Presenters: Jeremy Cunningham</i></p> <p>About 2/3 of U.S. adults – and even more teenagers - get their news from social media websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat. Kind of scary when these sites are full of way more than just "fake news," but rumors, hoaxes, false claims, and even honest mistakes! Come check out how the News Literacy Project is developing training and resources for the grades 6-12 classroom to help students find their footing in today's information, and misinformation, landscape. An absolute must-have resource for any classroom that discuss current events and encourage civic discourse and participation!</p>		
12:50pm – 1:35pm	R An Educator's Guide to Anxiety and Depression	E405 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
<p><i>Presenters: Kristen Cunningham, Abra Martinez</i></p> <p>This guide helps educators know more about the troubling incidence of depression and anxiety disorders in the lives of young people. This tool provides knowledge, references, and faith-based encouragement on the subject.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This resource is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment.</i> • <i>If you are Junior High Faculty and you attended Kristen's talk on anxiety and depression at the January staff meeting, you may want to forego this session and sign up for a different one.</i> 		
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<p><i>Moderators: Lauren Chaplin</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: VC Students</i></p> <p>Our students K-12 have had a chance to share some of their passions, struggles, obstacles, and dreams. This is a time to contemplate and discuss with peers the impact that insights into our students' lives have on our teaching and instruction in the classroom.</p>		
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12:50pm – 1:35pm	R	The Homework Dilemma: How to Have Your Cake and Eat it Too <i>Presenters: Alexis Schneider</i> E206 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111) Do students today have too much homework or not enough? And beyond the quantity of time students spend on homework, how can you tell if the homework you’re assigning is high quality? If you’ve tried to do any research on this, you may have gotten discouraged by the conflicting reports. Come to a session that helps make sense of the research! We’ll compare sample homework assignments together, and you’ll leave with practical ideas to make homework meaningful and engaging.
12:50pm – 1:35pm	R	What Do Teens Want out of Christianity? <i>Presenters: CJ Clark</i> E402 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111) <i>Research based tips which will help foster a space for faith to thrive.</i> We will review factors that attract young people to Christianity and faith within the church context from the book Growing Young by Kara Powell and the Fuller Youth Institute. Then we will all brainstorm and offer applications for educators on what kinds of Biblical Integration will resonate with our students and help them connect to God.
12:50pm – 1:35pm	R	When “Sit Down”, “Be Quiet”, and “Do Your Work” Isn’t Working: Tools and Tips to Add to Your Teacher Toolbox <i>Presenters: Linda Williams</i> E203 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111) This session is for those who are at a loss when it comes to helping our students who never seem to listen. An offer of support for when you are working with challenging students who require the extras (attention, patience, and grace to name a few) when you don’t feel you have it give. You will leave this session knowing you have a few more tools in your toolkit to help students who struggle with social and emotional learning. Tools and tips will include how to set up classroom expectations using a common classroom vocabulary as well as simple accommodations and modifications to help all learners. This session is geared to the K-6 crowd, however all grades are welcome!
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Astronomy Observatory <i>Presenters: Faith Tucker</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Ceramics C413 <i>Presenters: Karen Dequine</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Circus Tricks Small Gym <i>Presenters: Steve Barnes, Adam Gill</i> Do you ever feel like you are trying to juggle too many things? Come learn how to actually juggle! You’ll learn the basic techniques to juggle as well as some fun other tricks from the circus. You’ll have the confidence to perform at your next child’s birthday party!
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Conceiving and Developing a Business Plan E303 (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111) <i>Presenters: Chris Thompson</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Dynamic Devotions Conservatory Chapel C329 <i>Presenters: Reggie Coates</i> Dynamic Devotions - “But they would not listen.” God has designed us to cling to Him so we can have a thriving life in Him. After a quick look at Jeremiah 13:11, we will have a personal time of reflection and prayer alone with God.

1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Hip-Hop Dance <i>Presenters: DJ Baluyot</i> Experience a fun-filled Hip-Hop dance class with DJ Baluyot. Be sure to bring a pair of dancing shoes to move and groove in. DJ will cover basic dance moves that you can use at any social gathering.	E322 Dance Studio
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Paint Party! <i>Presenters: Jill Carlson</i> Come relax, have fun, and channel your inner artist! We will be working together to complete an instructor guided painting using acrylics. No experience necessary. Just come ready to enjoy great friends, music, snacks and, of course, PAINT!	C415
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Personal Reflection & Integration Planning <i>Presenters: Linda Brogden</i> Do you find it a challenge to make the time to implement all of those great new ideas, when you attend a conference? If so, this session is for you! Utilize these 45 minutes to think through what you have been inspired by and learned in order to create an action plan for implementing these new ideas into your classroom or ministry at VCS. You can brainstorm by yourself or use this time to collaborate with others.	Library (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Roost at the Coop <i>Presenters: Dwain Fairweather</i> Valley is home to twelve chickens and two ducks. The chickens have been tended by JH students and are very friendly and are used to being handled. Each with their own personality, you'll be introduced to Black Copper Marans, Araucanas, Americana, Buff Orpingtons, Rhode Island Reds as well as our two ducks: Aflac and Duke.	Quest Grove
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Shop Talk <i>Presenters: Jeremy Denouden, Timothy Mendolia</i> Come take a behind the scenes look at our scene shop, the place where all of VC's great theatre stages and props are designed and built.	Scene Shop
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Walking Club <i>Presenters: Judi Fuller</i> If it is raining, we will meet in HBC2	Track (100 Skyway Drive, San Jose, CA 95111)
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	Yoga <i>Presenters: Vanessa Galante</i> Join Vanessa for a low impact workout that mixes a Barre Method, Yoga and Pilates approach to strengthening your mind, body, and spirit. Wear comfortable clothing that allows movement/stretching. Please bring a beach towel, yoga towel, and/or yoga mat.	C109 Black Box Theater