

# VC Connect 2019

- D** Dessert   **K** Keynote   **L** Lunch   **P** Personal Enrichment   **R** Pre-Conference   **S** Session 1  
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## MARCH 8 • FRIDAY

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6:45am – 7:00am   **R** **Coffee Cart**   SLC ( )  
Do you need some caffeine to start your morning? Come get an espresso drink to start things off right!

**Sometimes a line forms, please make sure you plan enough time to get your drink and be in your seat by 8 AM.**

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8:00am – 9:20am   **K** **Worship & Keynote**   Conservatory Hall ( )

*Speakers: Dave Tieche*

*Artists: Corey Leak*

**Plan adequate time to park, walk in, stand in line to get your coffee, get your check-in materials, and be in your seat by 8 AM, when worship begins.**

**Keynote: WHY KIDS SUCCEED - AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT**

Why do students - often students from the same zip codes, from the same background, even from the same \*family\* - have such wildly different outcomes? What causes one kid to succeed and make it, and while others don't? A former teacher and co-author of the book *The Grown-ups Guide to Teenage Humans* David Tieche shows what the overwhelming data says about the best way to help kids who are at-risk, and even kids who are not. The results will not only surprise you but give you hope as an educator in the middle of daunting complexities.

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9:30am – 10:20am   **S** **Circles are Greater**   HS Theatre

*Artists: Corey Leak*

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In this talk about racial unity, Corey talks about how we are better in circles than we are in squares. When we embrace each other as human beings there are no sides, no corners, and no "them". We huddle together as "us".

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9:30am – 10:20am   **S** **Fix The Tiny Font! - HS Migration from PT Gradebook to PowerTeacher-Pro for 2019/20**   E203

*Speakers: Christine Baxter*

This session is for High School teachers still using PT Gradebook this year. All remaining HS PT Gradebook users will migrate to PT-Pro at the start 2019/20 school year, so come get an advanced peek at it! Learn about the benefits of this new gradebook (such as larger font size, browser-based interface, easy access to grade distribution, etc...), see what it looks like, and find out what to expect as you transition to this new gradebook next year.

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9:30am – 10:20am   **S** **How to Make Sure You're the Best Version of Yourself**   Conservatory Hall ( )

*Speakers: Dave Tieche*

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All the co-workers that you love working with have three things in common that make them ideal colleagues. What are they, and more importantly, do you have them?

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9:30am – 10:20am	S	<b>Internet Security 101 – How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud by Safeguarding Your Accounts and Data</b> <i>Speakers: Mike Annab</i> Learn easy and effective ways you can avoid falling victim to common internet scams and take a peek inside the dark web to find out what motivates criminals to want access to your email account.  We'll take volunteers to search email addresses in order to identify breaches you may not even be aware of.  Bring your laptop.	Library
9:30am – 10:20am	S	<b>K-12 Bible Content Standards</b> <i>Speakers: Anne Delke</i> <b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b>  Topics: What, when, how and why of K-12 Bible content standards Walk through the standards Next steps in implementation Q and A opportunities	C307
9:30am – 10:20am	S	<b>My Session</b> <i>Speakers: Kevin Walsh</i> Designed to help unleash kids' creativity throughout their school day, Apple's Everyone Can Create curriculum teaches students to develop and communicate ideas through drawing, music, video, and photos on iPad. During this session, you'll pick up some fun and meaningful tools that you can easily fold into any lesson, assignment, and subject.	E206
9:30am – 10:20am	S	<b>The Misinformation Landscape and the Case for News Literacy</b> <i>Speakers: John Silva</i> This session makes the case for news literacy as a vital 21st-century skill and provides an overview of concepts and tools. We'll put news literacy instruction in context and demonstrate how to integrate it into your classroom, using timely events and examples. We'll also introduce important concepts and skills: how information gets filtered, how journalists decide if an event or issue is newsworthy, how the First Amendment and the watchdog role of the press play important roles in our democracy, how to evaluate bias in the news media, how to detect and debunk viral rumors, and how to analyze branded content. You'll also learn how to teach students about "fake news" and the many other forms of misleading, inaccurate and outright false information that they encounter in their daily lives. We'll tackle the misinformation landscape: why it's important to teach students about it, and how to use examples of misinformation to engage students in news literacy and civic learning.	C309
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Active Shooter - What is Your Plan?</b> <i>Speakers: Joel Gonzalez</i> How prepared are you to handle an active shooter situation? How can I help you better understand your role as a teacher and/or faculty member? My goal during this session is to give you some insight and training from the standpoint of a police officer.	Mat Room
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Creative Biblical Integration for Every Subject</b> <i>Speakers: Kristin Annab</i> Have you ever wondered why Biblical integration applies to you when you don't teach Bible? Do you struggle with how to integrate a Christian worldview into your daily lesson plans? If you answered yes to these questions then this presentation is for you. Please bring a lesson plan with you that you have found difficult to integrate and we will work together to help you weave a Christian worldview into the lesson.	E228

10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Google in the Elementary Classroom</b> <i>Speakers: Courtney Buron</i> Come explore the wonderful world of Google in a classroom full of littles. We'll look at Google Classroom, Drive/Docs, and Slides, as well as work on ways to use and incorporate new Google Chromebooks to support the technological skills that our students need to start/continue developing.  Bring a classroom Chromebook with you, and download the [Google] Classroom app on your iPad.	E203
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>News Literacy and Civics Participation</b> <i>Speakers: John Silva</i> Consuming, engaging with, sharing and creating information are the most fundamental and common civic actions that any citizen can take. This session will explore how news literacy learning can ignite civic engagement and improve civic literacy and reasoning. We'll look at the connection between news literacy and civics by examining the vital role that information plays in the national conversation and discussing the opportunities for meaningful civic engagement that today's information landscape offers. Finally, we'll provide tips, ideas and strategies for using news literacy to supercharge a "consume/engage/create" cycle around timely civic issues.	C309
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Redesign Your Least Favorite Lesson</b> <i>Speakers: Kevin Walsh</i> Every teacher has that one lesson plan... that... let's just say is a challenge. What better opportunity than this to try something new? Kevin from Apple will be there to support you as you try using the iPad to create some new energy in that one lesson plan. What else could go wrong!?	E206
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Why Teachers Burn Out (and How to Prevent It)</b> <i>Speakers: Dave Tieche</i> <b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b> What you need, even if you don't know it. Burnout and demoralization is a real burden, sometimes even forcing teachers out of the profession. So how to avoid it? The answer goes beyond grit, and resilience and self-care (as important and vital as those are) but also go to broader, environmental things you need to know and recognize.	Conservatory Hall ( )
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Why VC Cares about Cultural Intelligence</b> <i>Speakers: Sonia Avilucea, Linda Williams</i> Our student population mirrors the population of Silicon Valley, which is one of the most diverse in the world. A good educator knows that in order for learning to take place, students must feel safe. We want to our teachers to be effective in culturally diverse situations, so come see what we have planned.	HS Theatre
10:30am – 11:20am	N	<b>Work Smarter, Not Harder: Using the Hattie Effect to Your Advantage</b> <i>Speakers: Alexis Schneider</i> <b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b> The internet is full of resources and ideas for teachers, which is awesome and helpful and... <b>overwhelming</b> . How can you narrow down the vast <b>quantity</b> to just what's the best <b>quality</b> ? You could do comprehensive research on more than 8 million students! Or you could let John Hattie do the hard work for you. Come to this session where we'll summarize and highlight what strategies have the biggest impact on student learning so you can make the most of your time in and out of the classroom.	C307

11:30am – 12:15pm	<p><b>L Lunch: Blue Rock BBQ</b> <span style="float: right;">Gym</span></p> <p>Lunch is catered by Blue Rock BBQ. Menu includes Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Beef Brisket, Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Baked Beans (both regular &amp; vegetarian options), Grilled Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, and Slider Buns. You will not leave hungry!</p> <p>VEGAN items: Both BBQ sauces, The Vegetarian Baked Beans, Grilled Vegetables, Green Salad, and Balsamic Dressing.</p> <p>GLUTEN FREE items: Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Beef Brisket, Baked Beans (either type), Grilled Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Balsamic Dressing and both types of BBQ Sauce.</p> <p><b>If you plan to eat Blue Rock BBQ, you must register for lunch in Sched and bring your "Lunch Ticket"</b></p> <p><b>The Raffle will begin at 12:15pm. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.</b></p>
11:30am – 12:40pm	<p><b>L Exhibit Hall (Optional-No Registration Needed)</b> <span style="float: right;">Library</span></p> <p><i>Speakers: iPad Interns</i></p> <p>Our Exhibit Hall will showcase new Apps, hot trends in education, and important resources. Stop by any time during our lunch break to learn more and take advantage of this great information.</p> <p>The Exhibit Hall is optional, and you do not need to register to visit.</p>
12:20pm – 12:40pm	<p><b>D Ice Cream Sundae Bar</b> <span style="float: right;">Gym</span></p> <p><b>You must register for dessert in Sched and bring your pink "Dessert Ticket" with you if you intend to have an ice cream sundae.</b></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 lots of great toppings!</p>
12:50pm – 1:35pm	<p><b>E 13 Reasons Revised: Mental Health Awareness for All Educators</b> <span style="float: right;">HS Theatre</span></p> <p><i>Speakers: Kristen Cunningham</i></p> <p><b>This session is most applicable for those who have seen the Netflix show, 13 Reasons Why. If you have not yet watched the show, please watch Season 1 Prior to VC Connect</b></p> <p>Suicide remains near the top leading cause of death among youth today, and the controversial Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" forced us to take action in our schools to address fears among parents, educators, and medical professionals. And the second season provoked further attention to even more challenging mental health issues that we are facing in schools. Attendees who are willing to go deeper, and possibly get a bit emotional, are invited to join this session to learn about Dr. Loren Dittmar's (CASC High School VP, High School Counselor, Simi Valley Unified School District) research on school mental health. The audience will engage in valuable discussion about the significant impact each one of us has for every student who walks through our hallways.</p>
12:50pm – 1:35pm	<p><b>E Augmented Reality in the Classroom</b> <span style="float: right;">E206</span></p> <p><i>Speakers: Kevin Walsh</i></p> <p>Firsthand experience is one of the most powerful ways to learn. And with augmented reality, you can experience just about anything you can imagine. Break down the complicated mechanics of a car engine before touching a wrench. Or analyze the most minute bones of the human body without making a single incision. The possibilities for learning are virtually limitless.</p>
12:50pm – 1:35pm	<p><b>E Changing Classroom Culture with Your Words</b> <span style="float: right;">Conservatory Hall ( )</span></p> <p><i>Speakers: Dave Tieche</i></p> <p><b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b></p> <p>As an educator, sometimes it seems like you never stop talking. In this session, we'll examine just how wildly powerful the power of your words as an educator, coach or caring adult is - and how you can leverage your words to really, truly help. We'll also examine some supremely practical tools on how to give feedback that actually works, and how to encourage in ways that truly help those around you.</p>

12:50pm – 1:35pm	E	<b>Digital Forensics</b> <i>Speakers: John Silva</i> Dive into the tools and skills that students need to verify the authenticity of information, and learn how to create engaging fact-checking investigations that will empower your students to detect and debunk misinformation online. Topics include using reverse image searches to find the origins of a digital image; researching domain registration to discover who is behind a website; using webpage archivers to explore deleted or changed content; developing keen observation skills that help detect images circulating in a false context; and using Google Street View to explore and confirm details of locations around the world. Each tool and skill will be accompanied by ideas and guidance for use in the classroom. All participants will get access to a shared folder of NLP resources, including a collection of classroom-ready examples. Bring your PC	C309
12:50pm – 1:35pm	E	<b>Drug Awareness and Current Drug Trends</b> <i>Speakers: Michael Robinson</i> This presentation will focus on three main areas: The effects of drugs on the body and brain; Drugs are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you will get (cutting agents, by-products and fake pills) and the increased potency and purity of today's drugs.	Mat Room
12:50pm – 1:35pm	E	<b>Organized and Optimized with Microsoft Outlook</b> <i>Speakers: Dr. Guven</i> Bring your laptop and get to work with Outlook. We'll cover some of the basics like creating appointments, but we'll spend time thinking philosophically about optimizing this tool's power to save us time and to help us remember key information.  Bring: Your laptop with access to Microsoft Outlook (mobile device is an optional second device)	E203
12:50pm – 1:35pm	E	<b>Simple Yet Impactful Changes to Your Classroom</b> <i>Speakers: Linda Williams</i> <b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b> Come learn easy tweaks for your classroom set up to support all students including those with attention issues.  Have you noticed that the students who walk through your door have a diminishing ability to attend to your lessons, be thoughtful towards others or self-regulate their behavior? Come see how simple changes to your classroom environment can limit distractions and make a positive impact on your students' learning. Applicable for EVERY grade level!	E228
12:50pm – 1:35pm	E	<b>YOU are the Hero! Keeping Attention and Focus</b> <i>Speakers: Jennifer Griffin</i> <b><u>WILL BE RECORDED FOR LATER VIEWING</u></b> In 2016, VC Connect focused on Executive Functioning and how it affects student learning in the classroom. The six components of executive function are (1) Attention and Focus (2) Impulse Control (3) Self-Monitoring (4) Problem Solving (5) Planning and Organization and (6) Memory. The primary resource was <i>Causes and Cures in the Classroom</i> by Margaret Searle and <a href="http://margaretsearle.com">http://margaretsearle.com</a> .  We will revisit one of our favorite presentations on this subject from 2016. Come learn a bit about the Alamo and how you, too, can use tricks of the teaching trade to get and keep student attention and focus! We will also do a quick crash course on executive functioning as a concept and give you some resources to put to use right away.	C307
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Digital Photography</b> <i>Speakers: Cindy Torode</i> Digital technology dramatically alters the accessibility and possibilities of photography. You will deepen your knowledge of what makes a great photograph and have time to experiment with taking your own photographs.	C408
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Flag Football</b> <i>Speakers: Mike Machado</i> Details coming soon	Football Field

1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Hip Hop Dance</b> <i>Speakers: 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.	Dance Studio
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Percussion Petting Zoo</b> <i>Speakers: Jeff Wilson</i> Have you ever wanted to bang a gong, pound a bass drum, or crash the cymbals? Do you want to try out a timpani drum, slap a conga, or glissando on a xylophone? Have you ever spun an ocean drum, a rainstick, or garden weasels? Come to our percussion petting zoo where we will have dozens of drums and percussion instruments for you to try. A brief overview of each instruments will be followed by a chance for everyone to get their hands dirty and try them out. No experience is necessary and all equipment, sticks, and instruments are provided. We all need MORE COWBELL...	Conservatory Hall ( )
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Quiet Times - Intentional and Meaningful</b> <i>Speakers: Reggie Coates</i> Quiet times can be relaxing, but are they spiritually refreshing and renewing? This session will touch on how to make Quiet Times more meaningful by being intentional and expectant. Most of the session will be spent in a Quiet Time taking a break from the bustle of the day and implement an intentional quiet time with God." Required Material: Download the free YouVersion Bible APP on your phone or iPad.	C309
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Rube-Goldberg Robotics (with Legos)</b> <i>Speakers: Kit Reichow</i>	G137
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Spring Flower Arranging</b> <i>Speakers: Elsa Backers</i> Come play with flowers! We will be creating a guided spring flower arrangement for you to take home! No experience necessary.	E105
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Steal the Spotlight</b> <i>Speakers: Chloe Akin, Holly Ross</i> Have you always wanted to star in a High School musical, but never got the chance? Do you want to re-live your glory days-gone-by? Well, today is the day! Come to "Steal the Spotlight" for your chance to get hands-on experience acting, moving, and taking the stage!	HS Theatre
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>Tennis with Edie!</b> <i>Speakers: Edie Ekstrand</i> If you want to come join us at the tennis courts.....yes, we have tennis courts. Come on out during our VC connect. All you need is your racket, comfortable clothes, and shoes. Edie will feed tennis balls to get you warmed up with your stroke and then you can play a match or few sets with each other. If you have never played tennis come on out and we can work on your grip and stoke. Can't wait to see you there!	Tennis Courts
1:45pm – 2:30pm	P	<b>VC Connect Conference Reflection and Application</b> <i>Speakers: Jeremy Cunningham</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.  Web Resources  • Google.com	Library

1:45pm – 2:30pm

P **Walking Club**

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*Speakers: Judi Fuller*

Whether you want exercise or relax and enjoy being outside, come and enjoy the comradery that walking can give you.

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