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Happy September!

"If we love one another, God lives in us."

1 John 4:12



"We are Called to Love" is the spiritual Catholic Education Week theme for 2024 and as we embark in a new school year, let us be reminded that as believers we live our lives in the presence of God's love each day.

In September, our Catholic community celebrates the **Season of Creation** which ends October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Take a look at the many great resources from our Catholic partners. You can find the ***Celebrating the Season of Creation*** poster with live links at

<http://www.eoccc.org/flyer.html>



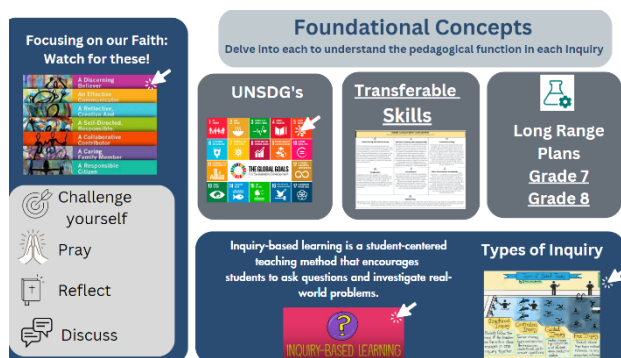
EOCCC has been busy this summer with writers from across the four Boards, creating resources to enhance your daily lessons plans.

Building Catholic Classroom Communities- Kindergarten to Grade 12, provides you with opportunities for your students to engage in collaborative tasks and explore feelings and emotions to create a positive classroom environment and safe space for students at the beginning of the semester and set students up for success throughout the course. Through the various learning opportunities, we want to ensure students can manage their emotions, build relationships, deepen their sense of self, think critically and cope with stress, and build a sense of hope with positive motivation. The resource is divided into five themed days – Maker Space Mondays, Treasure Hunt Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesdays, Theatrical Thursdays, and Faith-Filled Fridays. You can find it by visiting <http://www.eoccc.org/>



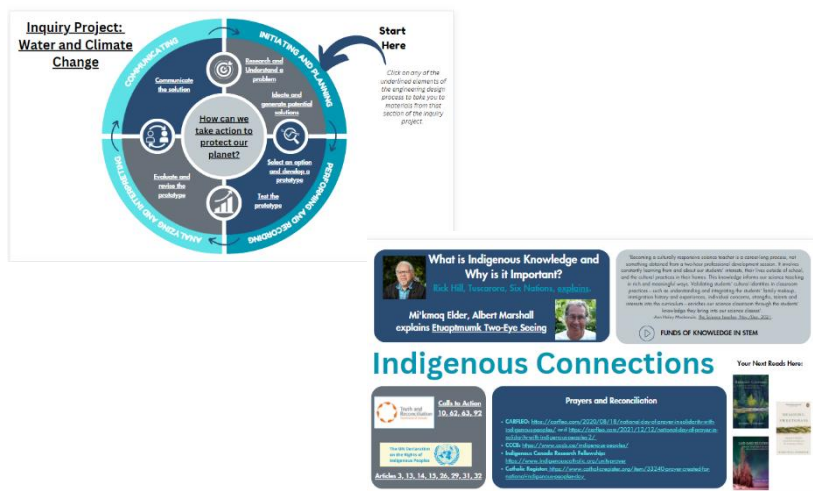
Thank you to the writing team of **Michael Muise, ALCDSB, Helen Ellsworth, ALCDSB, Amy Nesbitt, OCSB, Jennifer Nalon, CDSBEO and Kelsey Valiquette, RCCDSB** for their tireless work to create a rich resource for K-12 teachers/educators. The partnership with OECTA provincial was instrumental in producing this resource. Many thanks for their continued support.

Stem-It-Up in Grades 7 and 8 is our newest resource for the updated Science Curriculum, coming in mid-September.



It contains three inquiry units which supports the Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum (2023) designed around the Engineering Design Process, and honour Indigenous voices as integral to science learning. Cross curricular connections are natural in inquiry and are denoted throughout the resource. Using authentic sources, examples of how to weave Indigenous knowledge throughout inquiry to enrich the learning is demonstrated. We enter this work through a Catholic lens and each inquiry provides opportunities for students to pray, reflect, discuss, and act. This resource includes pedagogical underpinnings and one slide for each of the 3 inquiries: an interactive visual that outlines the Engineering Design Process containing direct links to the lesson and teaching materials. Included supports: provocations, teacher background knowledge, student-facing materials, Faith connections, planning for assessment and coding extensions. It is a starting point upon which teachers/educators can continue to build. Visit the EOCCC website to find our newest resources including **Stem-It-Up for Grades 7 & 8**. <http://www.eoccc.org/> Thank you to the team of writers **Maureen McGrath, ALCDSB, Kellie Hisko, RCCDSB, Sarah Ireton, ALCDSB, and Christina Poole, ALCDSB** for their vigorous work this summer.

Sample pages from **Stem-It-Up**

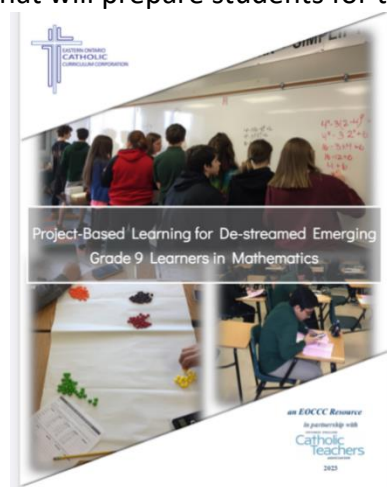


Coming in October!

The EOCCC Project-Based Learning for De-Streamed Emerging Grade 9 Learners in Mathematics resource targets

teachers/educators who are interested in incorporating Project-Based Learning (PBL) tasks in their classrooms.

You will find five projects and three choice boards that incorporate hands-on, engaging, real-world tasks that foster active learning and meaningful connections. These projects promote student leadership, collaboration, innovation, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking, which the Ontario Ministry of Education identifies as important “transferable skills” that will prepare students for the future.



Each project highlights the big ideas of different mathematical concepts in the Ontario Mathematics Curriculum. Many projects will naturally embrace Pope Francis’ call to action regarding climate change and environmental degradation. Many of the suggested projects can easily be modified in theme while maintaining the overall mathematical learnings.

The experiential learning opportunities vary within this resource and have been developed using materials readily available in a typical classroom. These tasks draw on several simultaneous (cross-strand) topics based on the elementary curriculum strands including number, algebra, data, measurement/geometry, and financial literacy – with emphasis on financial literacy and coding/technology.

The five projects from the math resource include:



1. Design a Food Truck for the Service of the Community
2. Create a Design for the Number Crunching Candy Co.
3. Awe(SUM) Foods Logo Design
4. Healthy Spoonful – Creating a Garden Plot/Greenhouse
5. Food for a Feast

Thank you to the writers **Amanda Cameron, RCCDSB, Amy Goodberry, ALCDSB** and **Heather Johnson, ALCDSB** for their exemplary work on this math project. A special thank you to OECTA provincial for partnering with EOCCC to create this excellent resource.

Visit the EOCCC website to find our newest resources including the ***Project-Based Learning for De-Streamed Emerging Grade 9 Learners in Mathematics*** resource coming in October.

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Leadership Opportunity – EOCCC is looking for teachers/educators to lead a workshop at their April 2024 conference.

Check out our [flyer](#) for more information. Scan the QR code on the flyer or click the link <https://forms.office.com/r/JuHwJin882> to submit your application.

Remember to check out the many resources EOCCC houses on its website. We have many **Indigenous resources** including videos with Indigenous artists helping you plan art opportunities with various mediums for your students. The EOCCC **Mental Health** resources have been widely used and have been used in other Canadian provinces and the United States. Our **Kindergarten Stewardship** resource is a must as well as our **FSL** resources including ***Les Grandes Religions du Monde*** and ***L'histoire des Noirs***. Don't delay, take a look today at <http://www.eoccc.org/>

September blessings,

Charlotte Rouleau

Upcoming EOCCC Events:

Mid-Year Retreat

February 28-29, 2024

Galilee Centre, Arnprior, ON

Annual Catholic Curriculum Conference

April 10-11, 2024

Best Western Parkway Inn & Conference Centre,
Cornwall, ON

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As Catholic educators, we have our mission. Education is a life-long experience leading us forth from where we are, to where God would have us be, in the example of Jesus. We ask God to help us to deepen our knowledge and understanding, our awareness and sensitivity, and our discipleship and our serving others in God's name.