

## SPEAKER SERIES

### K-12 AGENDA

7:30-8:00 am

Check-In | Breakfast

8:00-9:15 am

Opening Prayer | Welcome | Keynote Speaker Matt Miller

### K-5 AGENDA

9:30-10:30 am

Matt Miller Session

10:45-11:45 am

Break-Out Session

### 6-12 AGENDA

9:30-10:30 am

Break-Out Session

10:45-11:45 am

Matt Miller Session

### K-12 AGENDA

11:45 am-12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30-2:00 pm

Keynote Speaker Matt Miller | Farewell | Closing Prayer



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER | Matt Miller

Matt Miller is a blogger, author, speaker, and educator with more than 10 years of classroom experience. He's the author of two books: "Ditch That Textbook," and "Ditch That Homework." Matt is a Google Certified Innovator, PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator, and two-time Bammy! Awards nominee. His "Ditch That Textbook" blog encourages tens of thousands of educators in more than 100 countries to use technology and creative ideas in teaching.

Reach him at [matt@DitchThatTextbook.com](mailto:matt@DitchThatTextbook.com) or on Twitter at [@jmattmiller](https://twitter.com/jmattmiller).

### HISTORY

St. John Vianney High School began a tradition of bringing Catholic school educators together in 2008. In the past twelve years, more than 5,000 educators have participated in our Speaker Series, benefiting tens of thousands of students.

### PAST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

2008   Harry Wong	2011   Robert Brooks	2014   Dave Burgess	2017   George Curous
2009   Annette Breaux	2012   Paul Nussbaum	2015   Jon Gordon & Jimmy Casas	2018   Jane Pollock
2010   Paul Nussbaum	2013   Todd Whitaker	2016   Kim Bearden	2019   Matt Miller

# BREAK-OUT SESSIONS



**K-5 Focus: Understanding the Reading Process: What Do Good Readers Do?** | Participants will be digging into the cueing systems that proficient readers use to lift print off the page and make meaning from text. We will then take this knowledge and apply it to guided reading and how we can scaffold the prompts and feedback we give our readers that guide them to build and use strategies to become flexible, independent readers and thinkers. **Jean Ducey** is a St. Louis native and a life-long educator and learner who is deeply passionate about literacy and best educational practice in the classroom.



**6-12 Focus: Prioritizing the Twelve Most Important Behaviors of Proficient Readers** | Participants will engage in uncovering and understanding what we must prioritize in quality reading instruction that then transfers into the content areas and responding to texts. We will discuss effective prompts to guide comprehension following the gradual release method of instruction. For the past five years, **Jean Ducey** has been an independent educational consultant, providing high quality, responsive, professional development that is engaging, forward thinking, and relatable to the present needs of 21st century learners and educators.



**Powerful Teaching** | Would you like to increase learning, have your students retain more knowledge, and spend less time grading homework? In this engaging session, Patrice Bain will provide researched strategies that will transform your teaching. Best news? By simply tweaking what you are already doing, you're there!

**Patrice M. Bain, Ed.S.**, is an educator, speaker, and author as well as a finalist for Illinois Teacher of the Year and Fulbright Scholar in Russia. She's been featured in webinars, podcasts, and press, including PBS NOVA and Scientific American. She spent 15 of her 25+ year teaching career working with cognitive scientists turning research into learning strategies. Patrice co-authored "Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning."



**Leadership** | As a principal, you are responsible for much more than academics. In a world of distractions, competing priorities, and limited resources, it is easy for principals to lose sight of what actually matters - student learning. In this session, leaders will apply the Success By Design framework to establish clarity and focus in their work. Leaders will leave the session with a "plug-and-play" instructional protocol that serves as a launching pad for driving student outcomes. **Joe Olwig** is the Director at Mission Matters Group where he works with nonprofit organizations and schools to increase their capacity for impact. Prior to working with MMG, Joe spent the previous decade as a MS teacher and principal in Charlotte, NC and St. Louis, MO.



**6 + 6 : Changing the Way We Think About Grading and Assessment** | We've been doing grading and assessment the same way since 1893. Students sit in rows, consume information from the almighty adult, memorize content, and regurgitate that same content on an assessment we design or ones designed by a publishing company. Come learn 6 philosophical changes and 6 practical changes you can implement in order to create a modern learning environment preparing students for life in the real world. **Dr. Chris McGee** serves the Affton school district as the Executive Director of Academic and Student Services. His passion for professional learning inspired him to start a non-profit organization called Connected Learning, for which he serves as the CEO.



**Trauma Training** | Nearly every classroom today has students who suffer from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Children experiencing traumatic stress from ACEs often have difficulty with regulating emotions, focusing, relating to others, impulsivity, and confidence. These behaviors can bring major challenges to the classroom. This session will define ACEs and inform educators of best practices in classroom and behavior management that are compassionate and that help students overcome adversity while maximizing their learning and potential.

**Shannon Sánchez** is the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment for the Office of Catholic Education & Formation for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



**Successful EdTech Integration** | Join **Matt Weld** as he explores how you can approach the inclusion of technology into your instruction. He'll start with the bigger picture and narrow it down to how edtech can enhance learning in your classroom. From the definition of learning and teaching, to integration models, classroom procedures, and specific tools to use with students, he'll cover it all (seatbelts advised). Matt is the Director of Innovation and Technology for the Regional Offices of Education in Illinois' Area 5 as well as a former 7th grade teacher, junior high principal, and K-8 tech coach.