



2021 CONFERENCE AGENDA

INSPIRING LEARNERS

7:30 – 8:15A **Registration / Continental Breakfast / Exposition** **SACS Gymnasium**

8:15 – 8:25A **WELCOME! MNSAA: Inspiring Learners!** **SACS Gymnasium**
MNSAA & **Shakopee Area Catholic School** invitation to an exceptional professional day!

8:30 – 9:30A

Professional Development – Session I

SACS Classrooms

- **Evidence Based Grading** **Media Center**
5 Steps to Rethinking and Redesigning our Grading and Reporting Practices in a PLC at Work
Eric Twadell, Author, Superintendent of Adlai Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL
- **Working with MNSAA.site: Your Online Platform for Self-Study Work** **Room 219**
Andrew Hilliker, MNSAA Treasurer/Team Chair, President, Stella Maris Academy, Duluth
Sarah W. Mueller, MNSAA Executive Director, Minnesota
- **What Are We Missing? Looking Back to Move Forward** **Room 220**
Dr. Julene Nolan, School Psychologist, Phoenix School Counseling
- **5 Essentials of a Team** **Room 222**
Dr. Scott Gostchock, President of Talent Development, Partner 2 Learn, Fridley
- **Review and Refuel Your School's Philosophy and Mission** **Room 223**
David Fremo, Director of Catholic Schools, Diocese of St. Cloud
- **Essentials for Creating a Culture of Learning** **Room 229**
Paul Bernabei, Director of Top 20 Training, info@top20training.com
- **Creating Personalized Growth Plans for All Students** **Room 231**
Callie Strop, Preschool Program Director, Shakopee Area Catholic School
- **Engaging Your School Community in an Annual Fund** **Room 232**
Rich Fischer, Senior Account Executive, Our Sunday Visitor
- **Fireside Chat with Matt Birk: Young Learners – In Pursuit of Sound Mental Health** **Room 234**
Matt Birk, Former NFL Champion, Founder of H.I.K.E. Foundation
John Amann, Co-Founder, Pursuit Academy, St. Paul
- **Seconds Matter** **Room 235**
Jason Polinski, Mikael Dahlstrom, Peter Matos, Law Enforcement Officers, 3D Prevention



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9:45 – 10:45A

Professional Development – Session II

SACS Classrooms

- **Uncovering the Diamond: Proficiency Based Instruction – A New Model for Teaching and Learning in a PLC at Work** **Media Center**
Eric Twadell, Author, Superintendent of Adlai Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL
- ⇒ **Developing and Maintaining Your School Strategic Plan for Improvement** **Room 219**
Andrew Hilliker, MNSAA Treasurer/Team Chair, President, Stella Maris Academy, Duluth
- **What Are We Missing? Looking Back to Move Forward** **Room 220**
Dr. Julene Nolan, School Psychologist, Phoenix School Counseling
- **Implementing the Five Essential Components of Reading Instruction in Your School** **Room 222**
Matthew Cleary, General Studies Principal, Torah Academy, St. Louis Park
- **Taking Captive the New Normal with Disciplined Leadership** **Room 223**
Dr. Todd Russ, President, St. Croix Lutheran Academy, West St. Paul
- **The Motivational Power of Purpose: Following Our North Star** **Room 229**
Paul Bernabei, Director of Top 20 Training, info@top20training.com
- **Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS)** **Room 231**
Anita Tayson, EANS Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Education
- **Fragile Cargo: Handle with Care** **Room 232**
Wendell Veurink, Mentoring Coordinator/Counselor (Dad and Grandpa), Greater Minnesota Family Services
- **Fireside Chat with Matt Birk: Young Learners – In Pursuit of Sound Mental Health** **Room 234**
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- **Policy Matters** **Room 235**
Martha Laurent, MNSAA Vice President/Team Chair/APR Reader, Holy Name of Jesus School, Wayzata
Regina Ashley, MNSAA Director/Team Chair/ APR Reader, Divine Mercy Catholic School, Faribault
- **Just Look Up: Five Life-Saving Phrases EVERY Kid/Human Needs to Hear** **Downstairs Music Room**
Joe Beckman, Motivational Speaker, Author [Just Look Up!](#) Till360 Cofounder, Carver



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11:00 – 12:00P

Professional Development – Session III

SACS Classrooms

- **Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Instructing and Assessing Social and Emotional Learning** **Media Center**
Eric Twadell, Author, Superintendent of Adlai Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL
- **ESEA Title Programs for Nonpublic School Students and Staff** **Room 219**
Alicia Waeffler, Student Access & Opportunity Programs Supervisor and ESEA Nonpublic Ombudsman, MDE
- **Where Do I Begin? School Safety Post-COVID** **Room 220**
Randy Johnson, Director, MN School Safety Center
- **Incorporating Standardized Tests, Screenings, and Interventions into Your RTI** **Room 222**
Matthew Cleary, General Studies Principal, Torah Academy, St. Louis Park
- **Strengths-Based Leadership for Educators** **Room 223**
David Fremo, Director of Catholic Schools, Diocese of St. Cloud
- **Top 20 Leaders Reduce Negativity: Eliminating Thought Circles and Tornadoes** **Room 229**
Paul Bernabei, Director of Top 20 Training, info@top20training.com
- **Advocacy 101: Your Voice Matters at the State Capitol** **Room 231**
Chas Anderson, Co-CEO and Senior Principal, Park Street Public, Minnesota
- **No Disposable Kids** **Room 232**
Wendell Veurink, Mentoring Coordinator/Counselor (Dad and Grandpa), Greater Minnesota Family Services
- **Hot Topics in School Law** **Room 234**
Sam Nelson & John Gunderson, Attorney-at-Law, Meier, Kennedy & Quinn Ltd., St. Paul
- **Seconds Matter** **Room 235**
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12:00 – 1:00P **Exposition / Networking / Lunch**

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Lunch and Networking

1:00 – 1:15P **Inspiration from Matt Birk**

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1:15 – 1:30P **Gratitude and Introductions**

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Mary Adrian, President of MNSAA
Sarah W. Mueller, Executive Director of MNSAA

1:30 – 2:30P **Keynote Address**

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**In Relentless Pursuit of Redundancy:
Initiating and Sustaining the PLC at Work Process**

Eric Twadell, Superintendent, Adlai Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL
Co-Author of [Proficiency-Based Instruction: Rethinking Design and Delivery](#) and
[Proficiency-Based Grading in the Content Areas: Insights and Key Questions for Secondary School](#)

2:30 – 2:45P **Just Look Up!**

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Joe Beckman, Author of [Just Look Up: Five Life-Saving Phrases](#)

2:45 – 3:00P **Conference Closing**

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Thanks for coming! Looking forward to seeing you again in 2022!
Be sure to complete your evaluation to pick up your CEUs for the day.

Our Association of Schools is most sincerely grateful to our gracious hosts!

The support received from the entire Shakopee Area Catholic School community has been richly valued! Our conference would not be possible without the work of the SACS team.

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