ODACS	Workshop 6: Friday, 9:30 – 10:20
Fellowship Hall **115** 3, 9 * 150	**Teaching as a Team: Partnering with Parents Beyond the Classroom** *Mrs. Sarah Lefevers; Pensacola Christian Academy, Pensacola, FL* Parent-teacher conferences are valuable, but a true partnership requires ongoing communication. The session will explore creative and manageable ways to maintain consistent, meaningful connections with parents throughout the school year. Learn how to foster a collaborative relationship that supports student growth while respecting your time and boundaries.
122 3 * 30	**Yes! You Can M.A.T.H.** *Cynthia Dickinson; BJU Press, Greenville, SC* Math can be an engaging and exciting subject to teach. It is so much more than just recalling and memorizing. Are you interested in current ideas for your math classroom? Join me to discover ways you can M.A.T.H. M - make it interesting, A - add to their knowledge, T - take it to the next level, and H - find out how they did. By engaging, instructing, applying, and assessing, you can take your math class as well as your students to the next level.
125 8, 9, 10 * 30	**Why Some Christian School Graduates Do Not Follow Christ, and How to Respond** *Dr. Hubert Hartzler; Christian School Leadership Ministries, Kingston Springs, TN* How can two students who grew up in the same family, made professions of faith in Christ, and attended the same Christian School choose opposite paths when it comes to following Christ as a young adult? This workshop identifies some key reasons why this occurs and how Christian educators should respond when it does.
126 5, 9 * 30	**Rhythmic Revolution: A Systematic "Sound-Before-Sight" Approach** *Miss Janet Tschida; Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI* Do you have students who can count aloud and even write in the counts, but seem to lack an internal sense of rhythm? Have you attempted an "aural approach" but then struggled to transition smoothly to fluent reading? Learn a highly effective, easy to implement, systematic sound-before-sight approach to rhythmic development that includes whole body rhythmic activities.
Orchestra Room **127** 4 * 40	**Engaging and Efficient: Creative Strategies for Teaching and Grading English** *Dr. Erica Botha; Veritas Baptist College, Fredericksburg, VA* Say goodbye to monotonous lessons and overwhelming stacks of papers! This interactive workshop explores creative approaches to make English instruction more engaging and writing assignments more enjoyable - for both students and teachers. Learn how to differentiate for varied learners, implement effective rubrics, and leverage tech tools to streamline grading. Walk away with practical strategies that save time and foster real improvement in student writing.
Choir Room **129** 4 * 30	**Five Learning Strategies for STEM** *Dr. Rebecca Weier; BJU Press, Greenville, SC* The advice to "study harder" often causes discouragement for students who are already trying but not finding success. Explore five study strategies that lead to success in STEM-related subjects! This session is geared toward high school level math into science teachers.

130 4 * 30	**History's Mysteries: Connecting the Past to the Present through a Biblical Lens** *Mr. Mike Smith; Pensacola Christian Academy, Pensacola, FL* History isn't just a list of names and dates - it's a roadmap. If students don't see the connections between the past and today, they miss the lessons that shape the future. In this session, we'll explore how to use a Christian worldview to help students understand not only what happened, but why it matters for the decisions we make today.
131 3 * 30	**Teacher Hacks – You Know You Want Them!** *Mrs. Rebekah Rulapaugh; Bob Jones Academy, Greenville, SC* We've all heard the saying, "Work smarter not harder." What does that mean in the classroom? Get ready for a fast-paced workshop packed with some of the best-loved teacher hacks gathered from teachers just like you! This session covers everything from ways to clean, to classroom management, to technology tips and beyond. You'll leave with inspiration for becoming a smarter (not harder) working teacher.
134 8, 9 * 30	**Great Expectations for Every Student** *Mrs. Judylynn Walton; American Association of Christian Schools, Chattanooga, TN* Based primarily on *Rigor Is Not a Four-Letter Word*, this workshop will not only challenge you to expect more from your students, but it will also give you the tools to make those expectations reality.
135 9 * 30	**From Surviving to Thriving: Classroom Management and Preparation for New Teachers** *Mrs. Beckie Hibbard; Landmark Christian School, Richmond, VA* The first year of teaching can feel overwhelming, but effective classroom management and preparation can make the transition more manageable. This practical session is designed for new teachers and focuses on establishing routines and expectations, preventing and responding to challenging behaviors, building positive student and parent relationships, organizing materials, planning efficiently, and preparing for the unexpected. Participants will gain realistic strategies and practical tools they can implement immediately to create a well-managed classroom, maximize instructional time, and approach each school day with greater confidence and preparedness.
136 3 * 30	**"By Him All Things Consist": Seeing God in Every Subject** *Mrs. Kathy Meester; Pensacola Christian Academy, Pensacola, FL* In this session, we'll unpack the joys of discovering God in every detail of our day, from math and language to history, science, and beyond. Explore practical ways to remind students of God's goodness and His plan for us, integrating Biblical truths naturally and seamlessly as a reflection of the teacher's own faith. You'll leave with strategies to live your faith authentically in front of your students while encouraging them to do the same as they see God's daily faithfulness in your classroom.
137 8, 9 * 30	**Healthy Body, Steady Heart: Physical Wellness for Educators** *Mr. Mark Goetsch; Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL* Teaching demands long days of movement, focus, and emotional energy. We'll explore simple ways to strengthen your body through wise habits that protect stamina and prevent burnout. Small, consistent choices in health create a foundation for joyful endurance.

Youth Room **145** 8, 9, 10 * 75	**Confronting Cultural Issues: Gravity or Speed Limits?** *Dr. Jeff Walton; American Association of Christian Schools, Chattanooga, TN* John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, asserts that sex and gender are not speed limits, they are gravity. In this workshop, we will discuss expressive individualism (the radical claim that feelings determine reality) and social constructs and will propose some discussion questions to help students understand that sex and gender are gravity and part of God's love for His creation.
138 4 * 30	**Literature in Action** *Mrs. Pam Litzenberger; BJU Press, Greenville, SC* What does a literature lesson look like in the classroom? How can we create lessons which teach our standards, are challenging, and still interest our students? This workshop will help you to plan and execute your literature lessons with these questions in mind. We will also discuss some activities to add variety for your lessons.
139 8, 9, 10 * 30	**** Being an Encourager: Changing Lives One Word at a Time** **(** Presented Twice)** *Mrs. Kristy Wright; Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville, VA* Discover how intentional words, actions, and attitudes of encouragement can strengthen faith, build relationships, restore confidence, and create a school culture where students, staff, and parents know they are valued, seen, and loved in Christ.
140 7, 8, 9, 10 * 30	**Drama Reading Session** *Mr. Adam Davis; Alive Ministries, Locust Grove, VA* Step into the rehearsal room and experience the original resources of Alive Ministries first hand! Participants will join an interactive table read featuring selections from our dramas, musicals, and comedies, then hear - and perhaps sing along with - some of the most popular songs from our productions. Along the way, we will introduce a variety of shows designed for children, teens, schools, churches, and drama ministries. Whether you are a drama teacher, school administrator, pastor, youth leader, performer, or simply someone who loves theater, this session will help you discover engaging, faith-forward productions that could be a strong fit for your students and ministry.
143 8, 9, 10 * 30	**Interpreting the Results of the 2025 ODACS Survey** *Mr. Dan Zacharias; Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, Broadway, VA* The most recently completed ODACS Survey included data reflecting the 2024-2025 school year, and it reveals answers to some very interesting questions. What is the average per pupil tuition in ODACS schools? What is the average starting teacher salary? What are current trends of which ODACS ministries should be aware? How can the survey help us with decisions that we make in the future? Come prepared to learn and to ask questions!
* 1-Preschool; 2-Kindergarten; 3-Elementary; 4-Secondary; 5-All-level (Music, Art, PE); 6-Special Education; 7-Specialist (Bible, Computer, Counseling); 8-Administration; 9-General Education; 10-Pastors	