THE CHESTERTON SCHOOLS NETWORK | SUMMIT 2025



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FACULTY | HEAD OF SCHOOL

TRAINING IMMERSIVES

MIMETIC INSTRUCTION

Imitation, Modeling, and Guided Discovery

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Fostering Joy, Virtue, and Love of Learning

SOCRATIC SEMINAR

Bedrock Pedagogy of the Chesterton Experience

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Leading and Inspiring Your Community

FEATURED WORKSHOPS

CHESTERTON DISCIPLINE ARCS

Humanities - Math/Science - Fine Arts

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Accompanying Students from Freshman to Senior Year

THORNY ISSUES DEEP-DIVE

Dedicated workshops for schools by phase (mature and early stage)

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Teaching in the Age of AI
- Practical Approaches to ADHD
- · Guidelines for Accommodations
- · Leading Young Men and Women

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Help I am Disorganized!
- I Want to Lead Show me How
- Avoiding Teacher Burnout

HEAD OF SCHOOL EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

- Coaching Your Team
- Working Effectively with Your Board

Plus presentations on

- Classical Learning Test
- Franciscan Advantage
- · and more!

KNOW THYSELF

God's Call to Leadership and Teaching with your Strengths

Join Tom Costello—former Chesterton Academy head of school and Program Manager of the Franciscan Advantage Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville—for a dynamic leadership immersion utilizing insights from the CliftonStrengths assessement. You'll discover your top strengths and learn how to lead with your unique talents, strengthen collaboration, and elevate your performance through greater self-awareness. (Completion of the Clifton Strengths Assessment prior to the workshop is required.)





BOARDS | ADMINISTRATION | FUNDRAISING | MARKETING

TRAINING IMMERSIVES

GOVERNANCE

- Building a Culture of Servant Leadership
- Annual Planning, Strategy, & Critical Decisions
- Fiscal Vitality: Budgeting, Tuition, Financial Aid, Stewardship, and More
- Strategic Planning for Growth

FUNDRAISING

- Development Systems and Operations
- Programs for Fundraising Throughout the Year
- Giving Day Case Study: CAOLV
- Cultivating Authentic, Long-Term Donor Relationships

RECRUITING

- Recruiting and Retaining Mission-Fit Families
- Admissions Process Best Practices
- Strategies for Family Retention and Engagement
- · Leveraging the Chesterton Academy Brand
- Communicating with Clarity

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- Building a Culture of Servant Leadership
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- Strategic Planning for Growth

FEATURED WORKSHOPS

The Shadow Experience Hosting High-Impact Events Spiritwear & Uniforms

Gala Winning Strategies Conveying Joy Through Marketing Philosophy of Space Conflict Resolution Accreditation Insights Rome Pilgrimage



NEW THIS YEAR: SOLUTION SPACES

BOARD | JUPITERED | CANVA | BLOOMERANG | EMAIL PLATFORMS

Solution Spaces offer collaborative forums with focused conversations around specific tools and topics. Join others with shared interests to exchange ideas, share tips, troubleshoot challenges, and explore practical solutions together.



PREPARE YOUR TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR

Register today for our Annual Summit!



Part conference, part retreat, this year's joy-filled Chesterton Schools Network Summit features immersion sessions, targeted trainings, leadership development, solution spaces, and valuable opportunities to connect with colleagues from across the Chesterton network.

CSN MEMBER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Network guidelines require Head of School, Executive Director (or equivalent), and at least one Board Member to attend from each member school in Phase IV (launch).

We recommend as many of your faculty and staff participate in this training.



Conference Faculty



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