

MISF connects and strengthens Minnesota's independent schools through exceptional training, resources, and advocacy so they can be student-centered and mission-driven.



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Letter from the President

Dear friends of independent and private education,

And they're off!! The 2018-19 school year is off and running and we send along best wishes for a great year of hope and wonder.

The 13th annual MISF [School Leadership Conference](#) is September 24-26, 2018. This is the premier gathering of school leaders from MISF schools and a wonderful way to build out your network of leaders. Once again our planning committee has developed a very strong agenda filled with exceptional presenters and ample networking opportunities. Our sincere thanks to our conference sponsors, especially the [Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation](#) (Presenting Sponsor) and [Catapult Learning](#) (Premier Sponsor) for their support of this conference. Click below to learn more.

Our annual membership renewal continues and we thank our member schools for their trust and belief in the power of a collective network of independent and private schools. If you are interested in learning how MISF connects schools across Minnesota via resources, professional development and a united voice, please [contact me](#). We continue to offer a new member incentive for new schools to join MISF.

Keep your eyes out for more information on our professional development offerings for the year. Don't forget, all of our seminar materials are archived on the member portal of our website. If you need help with your login and password, contact Michele Skare at miskare@misf.org. Our goal is to create meaningful professional development opportunities for staff and leaders.

If you are interested in supporting the ongoing mission of MISF and our work with schools across Minnesota, you can make a secure [gift here](#). Thank you for your support of private and independent education.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Perry'.

Tim Benz, CFRE
President

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School Leadership Conference

September 24-26, 2018
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Special Incentive Pricing for First Time Attendees!

From school safety to student mental health, employment law to reflections on leadership, you'll learn important information that impacts you and your school every day. And you'll have the unique opportunity to hear from Jason Wenschlag, Upper School Principal at Minnehaha Academy, who will reflect on how their school responded to an unthinkable tragedy... and how they have not only survived, but thrived.

Conference Keynote

Reflective Leadership - Joe Cavanaugh, Founder and CEO of Youth Frontiers

Thirty years ago, leaders in our community had built-in time to think, create and reflect. Today, we face a daily onslaught of emails and are constantly inundated by an extraordinary amount of information leading us to believe that we are far more productive than our predecessors. Technology affords us many freedoms and perks that have benefitted our lives and businesses, but it has also robbed us of precious reflection time. Time to think and take stock of our personal values and intentions is a critical component of positive leadership and essential to a thriving community. Without reflection, we can make costly mistakes - in our personal relationships, in our business decisions and in the creation of our workplace culture and community. In this interactive, dynamic and entertaining keynote, Joe will share stories and strategies that will help you prioritize reflection in your life and in your work.

Conference sessions include:

- > **Enhancing School Safety: Assessing threats & Responses**-presented by Randy Johnson and staff from the MN School Safety Center
- > **Responding to the Unthinkable: Lesson Learned During and After the Recovery of a School Explosion**-presented by Jason Wenschlag, Upper School Principal at Minnehaha Academy
- > **Redefining Inclusion: Building Bridges Between Neurotypical & Special Needs Learners**-presented by Wyayn Rasmussen and staff from Academy of Whole Learning
- > **From Burrhus to Bessel-Moving from Operant Condition/Behavior Management to Trauma Informed Care**-presented by Wendell Veurink, Mentoring and Safe Grant Coordinator & Family Counselor at Greater Minnesota Family Services
- > **HR/Employment Law and Legal Perspectives**-presented by Alexander J. Beeby, Attorney at Larkin Hoffman
- > **Reflective Leadership**-presented by Joe Cavanaugh, Founder & CEO of Youth Frontiers

[Click here to view the conference schedule](#). Conference attendees will receive 10 administrative continuing education clock hours.

Registration ends soon, so don't delay! Click below and register today.

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STEM SCOOP



MISF STEM Education Conference Update

We want your feedback on the annual conference! Your responses to the questions in this survey will help us in planning next year's conference and other future events. Just head to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MISF2018> to access the short survey.

GIS (computer mapping) Educator Day, October 3, Duluth

The Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is excited to announce [Educator Day IV](#). This year it will be held at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center on Wednesday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- FREE all-day conference to include lunch, snacks and drinks
- Introductory, Intermediate and some Advanced ArcGIS Online hands-on instruction
- Learn how to use the following in your classroom; Story Maps, Survey123 for Geo-Forms and data collection, Geo-Inquiries, Web Apps and Presentations
- Actual teachers using GIS will be instructing many of the sessions. A chance to see how others are putting GIS into action in their classrooms
- Where to find GIS data and curriculum for your classroom
- Teachers will receive a certificate for up to seven hours of CEU credit for attending.

New MN STEM Teacher Center goes live! Check out the updated resource at: <http://stemtc.scimathmn.org/>

This resource was developed by SciMathMN in partnership with MDE to help teachers translate Minnesota state standards in math and science into classroom practice.

University of St. Thomas Engineering Resources

The Playful Learning Lab at the University of St. Thomas is scheduling free "Educator Playdates" for the coming school year on the third Tuesday of each month. Each session will include a hands-on project led by Playful Learning Lab students, as well as ample time for discussion. Contact Dr. AnnMarie Thomas at apthomas@stthomas.edu with any questions.

Also check out [OK Go Sandbox](#), a collaboration with the band OK Go, which created engaging, fun-filled STEM-focused videos for use in K-12 classrooms (and beyond).

Youth Climate Kickoff, Oct. 13, St. Paul

High school students from across the state will gather at Central High School, 10:30 - 4 for the [Youth Climate Kickoff!](#), hosted by Youth Environmental Activists of MN (YEA! MN). At this youth-led event they will share ideas and learn tools for engaging their schools in climate actions.

Minnesota Programs and Competitions

Many competitions, out-of-school programs and field trip opportunities are posted at the [MN-STEM website](#) and listed in the Reach for the Stars Catalog of Programs and Activities. <http://synergyexchange.org/Synergy/media/Reach/2018/reach-2018.pdf>

Other Minnesota Links:

[Get - STEM - Provides Connections between schools and businesses](#) professionals
[Minnesota Academy of Science: Science Fair, Science Bowl and other competitions](#)
[MN DNR Education website](#): Curriculum, professional development, posters, etc.
[Sharing Environmental Education Knowledge](#): Environmental education resources



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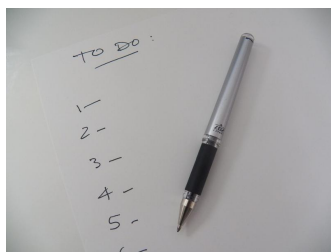
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MDE Science Update

[Click here](#) to view the September 2018 edition of the MDE Science Update.

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MISF Membership Dues

Have you paid your membership dues for 2018-19? If you need another copy of your invoice, contact Debbie at 651-424-4931 or dkalis@misf.org.

Pay your dues online at <http://misf.org/payments/>

We look forward to serving you in the 2018-2019 school year!

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Mission Advancement Fall Workshops

**FALL WORKSHOPS
IN ROSEVILLE & BLOOMINGTON!**
Hosted by Mission Advancement

**5 Habits of Effective
Board Members**

All workshops are FREE and eligible for CFRE credit.

See event dates and locations below.
Click on the events you'd like to attend to register and save your spot today!

[Roseville - October 10](#)

[Bloomington - October 11](#)

You are also invited to join us for the next webinar
[Donor Centered Special Events](#) on October 18th

Visit missionadvancement.com/free-resources/
or reach out to cstewart@missionadvancement.com with any questions.

**Check out MAP's full Webinar Library
with information on topics such as**
Are You Ready for a Capital Campaign?
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Building a Strategic Development Plan

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2018-2019 Lunch & Learn Seminar dates

Save these dates on your calendar and be sure to watch your inbox and the MISF ENewsletter for more information.

- October 25 2018 ~ Admissions & Marketing Seminar
- December 6, 2018 ~ Development Seminar
- January 17, 2019 ~ STEM/Technology Seminar
- March 21, 2019 ~ Admissions & Marketing Seminar
- May 16, 2019 ~ STEM/Technology Seminar
- June 20, 2019 ~ Development Seminar

Seminars are held from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, and most are also available as online Webinars.

Lunch & Learn Seminar information can also be found on
our website: <http://misf.org/seminars/>

We look forward to seeing you at a Lunch & Learn Seminar this year!

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CAPE Outlook Newsletter

The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) Newsletter for September 2018 is now available. [Click here to view and download this edition.](#)



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St. Scholastica offers graduate Special Education licensure

The Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS) license prepares teachers to serve the needs of students with mild to moderate disabilities in Learning Disabilities (LD), Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD), Developmental Disabilities (DD), and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The ABS offering at St. Scholastica is a second license, added to either an elementary or secondary teaching licensure. The role of the Academic Behavioral Strategist is to serve students with mild to moderate disabilities; collaborate and consult with families, classroom, and special education teachers and other service providers to design and implement individualized education program plans.

For more information, [visit their website.](#)

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