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The **Never-Boring** Conference for Educators

MOBILE, ALABAMA

June 9-10, 2022

Location:

St. Mary's Catholic School
107 N Lafayette St.
Mobile, AL 36604

2022
Symposium
Program & Agenda



DAILY SCHEDULE

Mobile, Alabama Thursday, June 9, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration and light breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Celebrations and Keynote – Jonathan Grant-Brown
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Session 1
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session 2
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Extended Session 3
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Extended Session 4

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Mobile, Alabama Friday, June 10, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration and light breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Games and Keynote – Kim Campbell
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Session 5
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session 6
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Extended Session 7
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Closing Keynote – Monica Genta

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THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

Keynote: Jonathan Grant-Brown
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Presenter	Session 1 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Session 2 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session 3 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.	Session 4 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Jack Berckemeyer			A casual chat with Jack Berckemeyer about a school reset <i>Cunningham Room</i>	Taming the Team – how great teams work together 4-A
Shena Ivory Brown		The Five C's of Building an Effective School Community (Care, Connection, Consistency, Collaboration, Communication) 4-A		
Kim Campbell	Engaging Boys... Yes, It Is Possible! 4-B	De-escalation: A Skill We All Need 4-B	Restorative Justice: What Is It and How Does It Work? 4-B	Transforming the Norm 4-B
Carrie Coate		Revolutionize Your Math Classroom 8-B	Up, Up and Away with Integers 8-B	
Monica Genta	Game Changers – Ideas to Engage and Motivate All Kids 8-A	The Rooted Classroom – Building Strong Relationships with Kids 8-A	Transforming Education from Average to Awesome with The Dollar Tree 8-A	SEL: Moving from Free Time to Family Time 8-A
Jonathan Grant-Brown	What I Learned from Some of the Best Teachers in the World <i>Cunningham Room</i>			Shifting “Business as Usual”: Creating a Student-Centered Classroom Through Relational Capacity and High Impact Strategies <i>Cunningham Room</i>
Rachael McCoy	A Guide to Guided Reading <i>Library</i>	Vocabulary: Words Are More Than Quizzes <i>Library</i>	Ditch the Desks! A Guide to Setting up FLEX Seating in Your Classroom <i>Library</i>	ACE'd It! How Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (Aces) Can Help You Win in the Classroom <i>Library</i>

FRIDAY AT A GLANCE

Keynote: Kim Campbell
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Presenter	Session 5 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Session 6 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session 7 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
Jack Berckemeyer	Managing the Madness – A guide to middle school classrooms <i>Cunningham Room</i>	Teaching Strategies that Motivate Students <i>Cunningham Room</i>	Mini Courses, Student-Led Conferences <i>Cunningham Room</i>
Shena Ivory Brown			
Kim Campbell	Power of a Circle <i>4-B</i>	Genius Hour: What Is It and Why Should Educators Consider It? <i>4-B</i>	Trauma Informed Classroom <i>4-B</i>
Carrie Coate	Up, Up and Away with Integers – Repeat Session <i>8-B</i>	Revolutionize Your Math Classroom – Repeat Session <i>8-B</i>	
Monica Genta	Crushing It for the Kids <i>8-A</i>	Fishbowl Fun! The Most Dynamic Q&A of Your Life! <i>8-A</i>	What Time is It? Game Time! Quick and Easy Learning Games <i>8-A</i>
Jonathan Grant-Brown			
Rachael McCoy	A Guide to Guided Reading – Repeat Session <i>Library</i>	This Shift is Crazy: Moving Towards the Growth Mindset <i>Library</i>	Unleashing Student Strengths: Focusing on What Makes Students GREAT! <i>Library</i>

Closing Keynote: Monica Genta
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (BY PRESENTER)

Shena Ivory Brown

The Five C's of Building an Effective School Community (Care, Connection, Consistency, Collaboration, Communication)

In a time where school communities are making the shift back to in-person, leaders are presented with some challenges they did not see coming. Experience a session where you learn 5 key components that build partnership, trust, and acceptance within a school community. From this session, you will be better equipped with tools that will empower, encourage, and inspire you to immediately make a deeper impact with your school community to have a shared vision, purpose, and common goal as a whole.

Kim Campbell

Engaging Boys...Yes, It Is Possible!

71% of discipline referrals in public schools are boys. Kim will discuss brain development of boys, strategies to engage boys, and ways to motivate boys to be successful in your classroom. Participants will leave with hands-on activities that work with boys...and the girls love them too!

De-escalation: A Skill We All Need

We are seeing more students and caregivers escalate more quickly and more often like never before. No longer can it be just counselors and administrators de-escalating our students and caregivers — we all need to learn strategies to help individuals regulate their emotions. Join Kim to explore strategies to help individuals de-escalate.

Restorative Justice: What Is It and How Does It Work?

What if we truly saw everyone in our school community as valuable humans contributing to the greater good? Join Kim and look at how creating a restorative culture can help create an environment where teachers and students thrive. Participants will leave the session with several ideas being implemented in Kim's school in which they are finding tremendous success using restorative justice practices.

Transforming the Norm

What if we as educators reimaged what our classrooms could look like, sound like, or be like. To help prepare our students for the 21st century, we must move away from being the sage on the stage to being the guide on the side. We must give our students choice and voice in all that we do in our classrooms. Participants will leave with ideas and thoughts about creating a classroom where kids thrive and become better prepared for the future.

Power of a Circle

Join Kim as she introduces the power of circles. She will discuss how circles can be used to facilitate PD, staff meetings, and conversations within a classroom. Also she will examine how circles help create a restorative culture among all members of your school community, opening the door to resolving conflict restoratively. Participants will leave having experienced a circle, with guidelines on how to establish circle norms and facilitate community-building circles.

Genius Hour: What Is It and Why Should Educators Consider It?

Interested in creating a Genius Hour in your school? Participants will leave with step-by-step instructions on how to implement a Genius Hour in any content area. It's time to let our students explore their passions.

Trauma Informed Classroom

Understanding trauma will help you better understand many of your students. This session is a beginner session on trauma. We will discuss what is trauma, the ACE survey, and how you can become a trauma-informed educator.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (BY PRESENTER)

Carrie Coate

Revolutionize Your Math Classroom

Rethink how you teach...flexible seating, movement in the classroom, scavenger hunts and activities outside the classroom, and technology to enhance your lessons and make learning math fun.

Up, Up and Away with Integers

Don't just learn the rules, understand how they work. Using hot air balloons and sandbags, a vertical number line, a deck of cards, and more to model integer addition and subtraction.

Monica Genta

Game Changers – Ideas to Engage and Motivate All Kids

Every student who walks into your classroom deserves to LOVE that experience. In order to do that we have to reflect on the everyday practices we have in place and transform them from average to awesome. Collecting homework is average, but Olympic sprinting to gather them is awesome! Small tweaks to the great things we are already doing make a big difference. This session will target ideas that will bring so much awesome to August, when our kids will need it more than ever!

The Rooted Classroom – Building Strong Relationships with Kids

Strong relationships with students are the backbone to all learning! But in this current learning environment, it can feel incredibly difficult to connect with kids. Come explore how creating an atmosphere that is open, exciting, and fun for students can bring relationships to another level. This session is filled with activities and lessons that help build deeply rooted relationships within any school setting. Get ready for ideas that will grab the attention of your heart and head.

Transforming Education from Average to Awesome with The Dollar Tree

All teachers love the Dollar Tree! And what is not to love about inexpensive, awesome, instructional tools! The Dollar Tree is filled with hidden gems that can transform classrooms from average to awesome. Join Monica and check out how toys can be taken to a new level and turned into learning tools. Find out how canned fish can be turned into a fun, fresh way to motivate and engage students. This session will be full of exciting remixes that are bound to bring your classroom to a new level.

SEL: Moving from Free Time to Family Time

Most schools have something called study hall, homeroom, and tutorial, morning meeting, or advisory. But if we are being honest, this time can truly lack purpose or real opportunities for our kids to learn and grow. In reality, this time is underutilized when it could be some of the most meaningful minutes of the entire day. In this session, you will learn how to create an atmosphere that is open, exciting, and fun for students and teachers alike. Come explore advisory strategies that will help build trust and rapport with students and learn how to turn a 1st hour “morning class” into a “1st hour family.”

Crushing It for the Kids

“Crushing It” is SO much more than just a modern day saying... Every single person who walks into a school deserves to love that experience. Whether you are a student, teacher, parent, or education leader, walking into school each morning should be an exciting adventure – because a school is just a building until we transform it from average to awesome.

In this session you will **C**elebrate education, build **R**elationships, **U**timize what you've got, **S**hare with each other, and **H**old this learning process in the palm of your hands so you can teach right to your students' hearts. You will walk away with strategies that are insanely engaging and stories that connect with you on another level, leaving you ready to Crush It for Kids!

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (BY PRESENTER)



Monica Genta

Fishbowl Fun! The Most Dynamic Q&A of Your Life!

Do you have questions about: Classroom management, student engagement, school climate and culture, social-emotional learning, and relationship building? Come, sit, chat and discuss!

What Time is It? Game Time! Quick and Easy Learning Games

Get your game face on for this ridiculously engaging session that will get you feeling like a kid again. We know students love the following: competition, candy, and crazy fun! Why not combine all three for this intensely entertaining hour where you can learn some new games that are bound to get your kids learning and loving your subject? Say goodbye to your Jeopardy power-point and come get some fresh ideas that will lead you to educational victory!

Percy Hill

Play Time with Percy! Games That Make You Go “Ah!” (K-12)

Engage in a variety of fantastic cooperative games and super team building activities that will surely make you go “AH.” The games and activities presented will fit all age groups from kindergarten through high school [Percy even uses these with his college students, and they love them!]

Making the Connection: The Essential Triangle

This session is all about making the connection between family, child [student], and the school. The impact of engaging the “ESSENTIAL TRIANGLE” to maximize the successes of each child in school will be the main topic of discussion. The overall program will provide opportunities for discussion on what parents can and should do to be connected with their child’s school community.

Problem Solving and Team Building Strategies

This session will present each participant with situations and scenarios that promote critical thinking skills and cooperative learning through collaboration with others. Each participant will engage in a large variety of activities to promote and encourage building communities where everybody belongs.

“Rock” Your Advisory and Morning Meetings!

Bring your advisory and morning meetings to a whole new level with activities that are awesome and out of this world. This session will be full of energizers and teaming activities that will send your students over the moon and back! They’ll be knocking at your door every day for more!

Who’s Teaching the Soft Skills to the Kids? (K-12)

As educators, we often wonder how our students will be successful in life after school. Teaching soft skills in our classroom provides opportunities for our students to practice and capture those skills that facilitate positive interactions with others and overcome challenges.

This session will explore many avenues to integrate and weave soft skills within our curriculum. Let’s take the time to teach kindness, empathy, and respect. Let’s look seriously at social and emotional learning as a real tool for a child’s success!

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (BY PRESENTER)

Rachael McCoy

A Guide to Guided Reading

Guided reading is the best way to propel students to the next level by focusing intently on their individual needs. It uses differentiated learning and teaching principles to “meet students where they are”. It is crucial to the success and acceleration of reading proficiency. Come and find out how to incorporate a guided reading model into your daily lessons and watch students develop stronger fluency, comprehension, and most importantly – confidence in their reading ability.

Vocabulary: Words Are More Than Quizzes

Toss those dictionaries and prepare for some fun and interactive strategies for teaching vocabulary. Acquisition of new vocabulary is crucial to comprehension and understanding in all subject areas yet is often taught through mundane tasks. It's time to liven up those lessons; come and find out how.

Ditch the Desks! A Guide to Setting up FLEX Seating in Your Classroom

Have you ever considered changing up the landscape of your classroom? Ever considered flex seating? Now is the time! Giving students choice and movement in their learning revolutionized Rachael's classroom. Creating an environment *with* her students and *for* her students proved to be nothing short of incredible. Today's learners need more: more movement, more choice, more engagement. Come see how a few options can provide so much MORE.

ACE'd It! How Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (Aces) Can Help You Win in the Classroom

Come and discover what ACEs are all about. We will discuss the toxic stress that kids are facing today and how it is adversely affecting behavior and academic progress. More importantly, come and discover how to do something about it by creating a healthy, supportive classroom environment where ALL kids can thrive!

This Shift is Crazy: Moving Towards the Growth Mindset

I can't do this! The famous four words from students, right? What if all the frustration from kids, parents, and teachers could be eliminated with one simple word, “Yet!” I can't do this... yet! Come explore how changing the way we think about thinking can change everything and walk away with ideas of how to implement the growth mindset in your classroom to instill some grit in your students... and you!

Unleashing Student Strengths: Focusing on What Makes Students GREAT!

Investing time and energy into student strengths can and will pay off in dividends. In fact, character development can lead to huge academic gains in the classroom. Learn the differences between interests, skills, and strengths and how teaching using a strengths-based mindset revolutionized Rachael's classroom. Find out how to highlight students' strengths and shine a light on not what students are great at, but what makes students great!

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Meet the *Nuts and Bolts – The Never Boring Conference for Educators* consultants. All of the consultants are truly amazing presenters who have contributed immensely to the field of education.



Shena Ivory-Brown holds a Bachelor of Science in University Studies from Shenandoah University and a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Special Education from the University of Phoenix. In her 18 years of educational service, Ms. Brown has extensive experience as a special education teacher, a middle school dean, and an assistant principal. From 2016 to January of 2022, Ms. Brown has been an assistant principal at Stone Hill Middle, and she is currently the Principal of Harper Park Middle School in Loudoun County Virginia.

Building positive connections comes naturally to Mrs. Brown. She has a passion for encouraging, inspiring, and being intentional about bringing the best out of individuals. She is a firm believer in the quote, “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care”. She reminds people every day to live out their day for a purpose, on purpose, because they have purpose.



Kim Campbell crosses the country energizing educational professionals. Kim’s direct and engaging style flavored with heart and humor (in person and in her books) make her a favorite with teachers, administrators, and students alike. She’s a dynamic presenter – in national demand as a keynote speaker, workshop facilitator, and consultant for individual schools and districts, and for the Association of Middle Level Educators, Staff Development for Educators, and the Jack Berckemeyer Consulting Group. In this role, she energizes educators as she builds on lessons learned and techniques developed in her middle-level teaching experiences. Kim translates theory into best practices with a treasure trove of personal experience; teachers use her tips and strategies to look forward to each new teaching day.

Back home in her Minneapolis-area school district, Kim has been a middle level geography teacher for the past 20 years. She is the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Specialist) Coordinator and Dean of Students for her school. She is also the founder and coordinator of **Students on Academic Rise** (SOAR), an after-school program created to address the achievement gap. In another role, Kim is co-author of *SOAR: A Handbook for Closing the Achievement Gap*, and *If You Can’t Manage Them, You Can’t Teach Them*.

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Carrie Coate graduated from the University of South Alabama with a BS in Secondary Education with an emphasis in mathematics. In her 24 years of teaching experience, she has taught 15½ years of 7th grade and 8½ years at the high school level. She is currently teaching Algebra I and Geometry at Spain Park High School in Hoover, Alabama. She also teaches virtually for the ACCESS program.

No matter what level of mathematics she is teaching, Ms. Coate's two main goals are to build relationships with students and to change the "I can't do math" mindset. She believes that students must feel safe and cared for as individuals before they can find confidence in their math abilities. Ms. Coate believes if students can start the year seeing they are capable of "doing math," they will begin to trust the learning process.



Monica Genta's goal is to transform teachers, leaders, and schools from seeing education as an ordinary job into an extraordinary adventure. Genta feels that every person who walks into a school deserves to love their experience! She is a believer in finding awesome and celebrating life every day! Genta is full of energy, full of passion, and full of love for helping others on their journey in life and learning.

She is a classroom teacher of 14 years, the author of five books including: *Game Changers*, *180 Days of Awesome*, and *The Rooted Classroom*, and nationwide educational consultant and keynote speaker. Monica's TED Talk has been viewed by thousands of educators from all over the world. She has earned a Masters in Curriculum & Instruction, a Masters in Educational Leadership & Administration, and is a National Board-Certified teacher.

In her free time, she enjoys long road trips, accomplishing new challenges, eating unique pizzas, and impromptu dance parties. She is pumped to share her life and experiences with you and is confident you will laugh along the way. Monica lives in Illinois and is surrounded by loving friends and family. You can find out more at www.monicagenta.com



Jonathan Grant-Brown is an innovative leader in shifting the way business as usual is done in higher education. Being a part of the change taking place in higher education institutions has given Jonathan the opportunity to collaborate with internal stakeholders and engage students on a level that empowers them in taking ownership of their learning. Jonathan earned his B.A. degree in Communication and his M. Ed. from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. As someone who has overwhelmingly benefited from what a collection of talented educators can

provide, Jonathan has dedicated his life to empowering students and educators alike in being exceptional in their pursuit of a successful future. As an educator, he believes that building, nurturing, and growing proper relationships will accelerate student learning while helping them gain more of a responsibility for it. "You are not every day, regular, average people; you are the innovators, creators, and discoverers of the future; taking ownership of that now is the key to your future success."

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Percy Hill is persistently and energetically committed to keeping students safe in school, preventing bullying, and promoting respect throughout the school community. He has served as a teacher, administrator, and college instructor in many different capacities and has received several awards for his efforts to educate others about bully prevention and school safety.

During his tenure as Assistant Principal in the Kearsarge, New Hampshire School District, Percy and student leaders were honored by the New Hampshire governor, the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and the National School Safety Advocacy Council for their outstanding efforts to educate others about bullying prevention.

Percy himself has received a NHAHPERD (New Hampshire Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) Merit Award and an NASPE (National Association of Sport and Physical Education) Teacher of the Year Award. He has been a Middle School Teacher of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year in his state and has received the Disney American Teacher Award as well as the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award.

Presently, Percy works as an Educational Leadership Consultant in a variety of New Hampshire schools and facilitates workshops on promoting kindness and respect in schools and communities.



Rachael McCoy has a passion for kids—period! She believes that true learning occurs only when students feel safe and loved—and creates that atmosphere with her students each day. She sees the power of educating the “whole child” and recognizes that this approach has the ability to positively impact students, teachers, parents, and communities.

Rachael has been teaching since 2009, has earned one master’s degree in Elementary Education, and is working on a second in Educational Leadership.

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