

Friday, August 9

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30—9:00 Devotional and Testimony

9:00—9:45 Change, the Way to Strengthen and Mature

John Smucker

10:00—10:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION IX**

() 45. Comparative Teaching*

Jonah, Derek,
Jonathan Miller

() 46. Elementary Music Culture

Gina Troyer

() 47. Teaching Critical Thinking


Dennis Sensenig

10:55—11:55 Question and Answer Period

12:00 Lunch

Display, Idea & Resource Exchange:

Teachers, please don't keep all your good ideas and finds to yourself! Bring bulletin board sets, art projects, wall displays, motivational charts, helpful books, and other "educational enhancers" that have worked well for you. Come prepared to show, share, and exchange ideas and/or materials.

 **FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**, contact
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We ask all attendees to follow the Biblical principles of modesty and simplicity by wearing loose clothing that covers well. Ladies, please wear a prayer veiling, socks, and footwear. Men, please wear long-sleeve, button up shirts and avoid blue jeans.

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Sixteenth Annual Western Fellowship Teachers' Institute

Providing an organized way to edify, encourage, and equip Christian school teachers and school board members to give spiritual nourishment, provide academic excellence, and exercise proper administration in educating our children.

August 6 – 9, 2024

Lighthouse Mennonite School
910 E 1st St.
Halsey, Oregon 97348

Tuesday, August 6

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast
 8:30—9:00 Devotional and Orientation
 9:00—9:45 Commitment, the Way to Begin and Endure
 John Smucker

10:00—10:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION I**
 () 1. The Privilege of Teaching* Jonah, Derek, Verlin
 () 2. Bursting Boredom's Bubble Jonathan Miller
 () 3. Promoting Concentration Doug Mast
 () 4. Inspiring Motivation Jadon Stoltzfus
 () 5. Eliminating Distractions Kent Weaver
 () 6. (Ladies) TBD

11:00—11:45 Grading Jonathan Erb

12:00 Lunch
 1:20—2:00 Singing Joel Schrock

2:15—3:00 **WORKSHOP SESSION II**
 () 7. Preparation* Derek Overholt
 () 8. Establishing Patterns & Procedures (Gr 1) Abigail Miller
 Simulated Teaching
 () 9. Math (Grades 2-4) Anna Derstine
 () 10. Math (Grades 5-7) Joe Beiler
 () 11. Math (Grades 8-10) Leroy Wiens

3:15—4:00 **WORKSHOP SESSION III**
 () 12. Presources* Jonah Avina
 () 13. Healthy Boy/Girl Relationships Joe Beiler
 () 14. Disobedience or Disability Jonathan Miller
 () 15. Recognizing Emotional/Health Needs Millard Martin
 () 16. Time Management Dennis Sensenig

4:10 – 4:40 **In 6 Minutes...**
 PTA Verlin Miller
 Typing Jonathan Erb
 Memorization Derek Overholt
 Penmanship Leroy Wiens
 Story-time Jonah Avina

5:30 Supper
Organized Activity
 * Indicates Novice Teacher's Training Track

Wednesday, August 7

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast
 8:30—9:00 Opening and Meditation
 9:00—9:45 Communication, the Way to Know and be Known
 John Smucker

10:00—10:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION IV**
 () 17. Procedures* Verlin Miller
 () 18. Elementary Music Culture Gina Troyer
 () 19. Practical Discipline (lower grade) Rowena Swartzendruber
 () 20. Practical Discipline (upper grades) Ben Troyer
 () 21. Conflicting Interests (board) Aaron Troyer
 () 22. (Ladies) Evalina Overholt

11:00—11:45 TBD

12:00 Lunch
 1:20—2:00 Singing Eric Troyer

2:15—3:00 **WORKSHOP SESSION V**
 () 23. Presentation* Jonah Avina
 24. Classroom Management and Order (Gr 1) Abigail Miller
 () Simulated Teaching
 () 25. English (Grades 2-4) Anna Derstine
 () 26. English (Grades 5-7) Joe Beiler
 () 27. English (Grades 8-10) Leroy Wiens
 () 28. Principles for Grading (board) Jonathan Erb

3:15—4:00 **WORKSHOP SESSION VI**
 () 29. Board Meetings and Beyond Jason Derstine
 () 30. Healthy Student/Teacher Relations TBD
 () 31. Disobedience or Disability Jonathan Miller
 () 32. Responding to Emotional and Health Needs Millard Martin
 () 33. Avoiding Teacher Burnout Dennis Sensenig

4:10 – 4:40 **Hymn Histories**
 TBD
 Allan Kropf
 Leroy Wiens

Idea and Resource Exchange
 5:30 Supper
 7:15—8:00 The Role of the Church as a Safe and Healing Environment
 Millard Martin

Thursday, August 8

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast
 8:30—9:00 Opening and Meditation
 9:00—9:45 Culture, the Way to Understand and Respect
 John Smucker

10:00—10:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION VII**
 () 34. Pitfalls* Derek Overholt
 () 35. Elementary Music Culture Gina Troyer
 () 36. Teaching Sportsmanship Jonathan Miller
 () 37. Managing a Multi-Grade Classroom Jonah Avina
 () 38. The Bible in our Classrooms TBD
 () 39. (Ladies) TBD

11:00—11:45 Achievement Tests Jonathan Erb

12:00 Lunch
 1:20—2:00 Singing Joel Schrock

2:15—3:00 **WORKSHOP SESSION VIII**
 () 40. The Seven Laws of Teaching* Verlin Miller
 () 41. Reading and Following Directions (Gr 1) Abigail Miller
 () 42. Reading TBD
 () 43. Composition Joe Beiler
 () 44. Literature Leroy Wiens

Book Introductions
 3:10—3:20 Story Time – TBD
 Personal Reading – TBD

Poetry
 3:20—3:40

4:00—5:00
 Individual Group Sharing and Prayer Time

5:00—5:30 Idea and Resource Exchange
 5:30 Supper
 7:15 Panel Discussion –