



Granite State Christian Schools Association

2023 Educators Conference



Thursday, November 9th

**Cultivating a Shepherd's Heart
in the Classroom**

Guest Speaker: Jonathan Nazigian
founder and lead communicator of
All Things Integrated[®]

SESSION 1: INTEGRITY OF THE SHEPHERD

To be an effective teacher, we must first be a diligent student. To shepherd our students, we must be faithfully following the Great Shepherd ourselves. This session looks at 5 key passages of scripture and applies them to our role as educators and shepherds of the flocks in our classrooms.

SESSION 2: SHEPHERDING SKILL: BECOMING AN APPROACHABLE EDUCATOR

We want our students to ask good questions, at all ages and in all different subjects. And as shepherds, we want to be approachable and welcoming. But are we ready for ALL of their questions? Even the really difficult ones? And what if they ask something we don't know? This seminar explores very practical strategies for creating a culture of learning and inquiry as we prepare our students to be critical thinkers and lifelong searchers for God's Truth.

SESSION 3: SHEPHERDING SKILL: CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

The ability to effectively shepherd the behavior of students is perhaps the most important skill a teacher can possess- it ranks right up there with content knowledge and pedagogy. Behavior does not randomly spring up from a person. It is always a reflection of deeper, unseen realities- located in a person's heart. Our task as educators is to shape student behavior in order to create an environment in which the heart can be shaped, while always focusing more on the heart than behavior.