

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Career and Technical Education — Toco Creek High School

DATE	TIME	WHERE
Friday, Sept. 25	7:30am – 3:30pm	Toco Creek HS — Cafeteria

Connections are what make career and technical education work: between content and career, between the classroom and industry, and between the educators in this room. Every session today is built around one question: "What will you take back to your program on Monday?" Come ready to share what you know and leave with a tool, a plan, or a partner.

SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 – 8:00am	Check-In — Coffee/Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:00 – 8:30am	Welcome & Overview — Emily Matthews, Director, Career & Technical Education · VyStar: Michael Rathjen, Morgan Wooley, Omega Milton	Cafeteria
8:30 – 9:15am	Keynote — Josh Krehbiel, Teacher, Academy of International Business & Marketing, Ponte Vedra High School	Cafeteria
9:30 – 10:15am	Breakout Session 1	Various
10:25 – 11:10am	Breakout Session 2	Various
11:20 – 12:05pm	Breakout Session 3	Various
12:05 – 1:35pm	LUNCH	On your own
1:45 – 3:15pm	Guided PLC — Kendra Stone, Career Specialist, Beachside High School	Cafeteria
3:00 – 3:15pm	Digital Tools Test Administration Training — Middle School Only	TBD
3:15 – 3:30pm	Ice Cream & Closing Remarks	Cafeteria

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

CHOOSE ONE PER SESSION

SESSION 1 9:30 – 10:15am

Florida Ready to Work: WIN Overview & Getting Started

Valencia Strowder, Florida Ready to Work · Rm 1-021

An overview of the platform and its three stackable credentials in Soft Skills, Academic Employability Skills, and Digital Skills. Covers how students and teachers log in through Clever, what the training and assessments look like, and first steps for using Florida Ready to Work this year.

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From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Differentiating for Students with Autism

ESE Program Specialist · Rm 1-023

An interactive session on identifying and removing barriers to learning through purposeful differentiation and scaffolding. Covers supporting communication and executive functioning, increasing participation, and promoting meaningful access to grade-level content, with real-world examples and tools for building more inclusive classrooms.

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Reading Your Assessment Data

Sabina Atic, Beachside High School, SJCS Teacher of the Year · Rm 1-026

A session for teachers on building assessments and using the resulting data. Learn to access and interpret key reports in GradeCam and Schoology, including item analysis and standards-based analysis, to identify student strengths, instructional gaps, and trends in standards mastery.

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SESSION 2 10:25 – 11:10am

Florida Ready to Work: Employability Skills & Classroom Integration

Valencia Strowder, Florida Ready to Work · Rm 1-021

A deeper dive into the Soft Skills and Academic Employability Skills solutions: selecting and assigning modules, monitoring progress toward credentials, and embedding employability activities into existing lessons and academy programs.

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Project Based Learning and Capstone Courses

Francesca Ranken, Toco Creek High School & Patrick Carney, Beachside High School · Rm 1-023

A look at what project-based learning and capstone courses are, the benefits of project-based learning for students, best practices for implementing it in the classroom, and real examples of projects already running in the district.

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LEGO Computer Science & AI Kits: A First Look

Jayme Stofko, Palm Valley, Laurieanne Lawson, Pine Island & Shelli Holland, Patriot Oaks · Rm 1-026

A hands-on introduction to the new LEGO Computer Science & AI kits for middle school. Participants will see what is in a kit, build and program a sample project, and walk through one classroom-ready design challenge, with notes on standards alignment, classroom management, and how to decide whether the kits fit their program.

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SESSION 3 11:20am – 12:05pm

Xello: Career Planning with Students

Ashley Wimpelberg & Janine Beaulieu, CTE Department · Rm 1-021

A high-level introduction to the new state career planning tool for teachers new to the platform, and a refresher for anyone who wants one. Covers assigning lessons, collecting data on student responses, and guiding conversations about life after K-12.

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EVERFI: Course Catalog Overview

Mathew Kirouac · Rm 1-023

An overview of EVERFI's full catalog for middle and high school teachers, spanning the Career and STEM Suite, financial literacy, and business courses, with offerings in career exploration, engineering, data science, and digital safety. Covers single sign-on setup, auto-graded assessments, and how to fit courses into an existing pathway.

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Middle School Circuits, Code & Classroom Projects

Jayme Stofko, Palm Valley, Laurieanne Lawson, Pine Island & Shelli Holland, Patriot Oaks · Rm 1-026

Hands-on training for middle school teachers working with paper circuits, micro:bits, and other project-based learning. Teachers will build, code, and troubleshoot each project firsthand, and leave with activities they can bring straight back to the classroom.

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