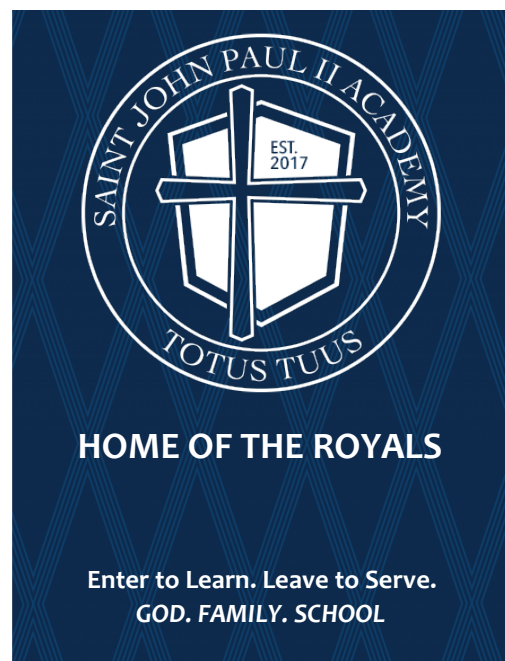




Staff and students at the March for Life in Victoria on May 9th



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Principal's Message



What a difference a year makes! A year ago, I was in the midst of planning for our inaugural school year and now we are about to conclude our initial Gr. 8 school year with so many wonderful memories. It has been an incredible journey thus far as we patiently await the construction of our new building. All things considered we have been truly blessed and this past school year has exceeded all of my expectations at every level.

Much of the credit for this goes to our staff in the first instance. Not only have they gone over and above the call of duty in all aspects of school life, but they have been wonderful witnesses and role models for our faith.

Our students deserve many accolades for their unwavering enthusiasm of what we had to offer them both in and outside the classroom. They embraced and accepted the challenge of participating in all of our extracurricular activities as well as volunteering in a number of areas from the Soup Kitchen to the Gardens of Gethsemane. They dealt with the ups and downs associated with being in a small community and made the most of their experience. I am very proud of the growth I have been able to witness in each of our students from the start of the school year until now.

We could not have accomplished this without our parent community taking a 'leap of faith' in believing in the Mission and Vision of the school. Their strong support in both word and deed has gone a long way in assisting us accomplish our goals.

I want to wish all of you a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday and look forward with much anticipation to the next step in our school journey.

God bless,

Mich DesLauriers

Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal



Gr. 8 Orientation Evening for students and parents held on June 5th.

Enrollment Update for 2019-20 – Applications are still being accepted!

On Wed. June 5th we welcomed the 25 new Gr. 8 students and their parents to provide them with a glimpse of what to expect when they come in Sept. We are absolutely delighted to welcome them to our faith and learning community for the 2019-20 school year. We have Gr. 8 students coming from a variety of Catholic and Public elementary schools from Star of the Sea, St. Bernadette's, Cloverdale Catholic, Sacred Heart, Ocean Cliff, and Sunnyside to name a few. They will join our current student body for a combined enrolment of 41 students for next Sept. As our school community continues to grow please be advised that:

St. John Paul II Academy is continuing to accept a small number of applications for the 2019-20 school year. If interested, please contact the school for additional information or consult our school website: www.sjp2academy.com.

Teacher Update

We are happy to announce that Mr. Kevin Beliveau will be joining our wonderful teaching staff for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Beliveau has been teaching in both Archdiocesan and Congregational schools for over 26 years – most recently at St. John Brebeuf in Abbotsford. His classroom experiences and assignments have been in English, Social Studies/History, Religion, Literature and Drama/Acting from Gr. 8-12. His work outside the classroom has included co-directing over a dozen high school drama productions; leading senior high school students to conduct service work in northern Mexico as well as New Orleans and Peru; director of Campus Ministry including Retreat programs, liturgical preparation, and outreach work; and department chair for Religion and English. Needless to say, he is passionate about his faith, excited to join the St. John Paul II community and hopeful that the new year will continue to be a time of blessings for families, students, and staff.

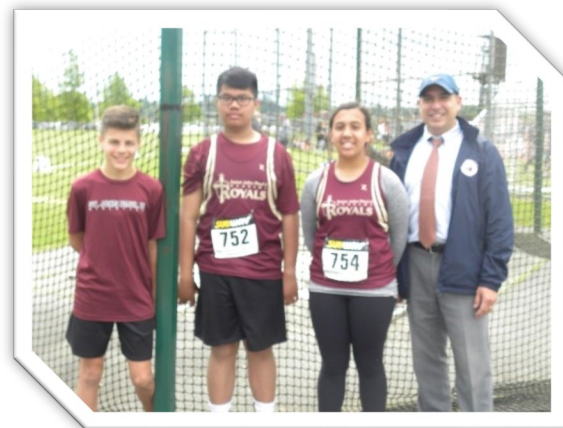
We are also pleased to announce the hiring of 3 Educational Assistants – Michelle Fletcher who will be with us on a full-time basis and Colleen Ruvalcaba and Janet Clarke who will be joining us on a part-time basis. We are delighted to have these educators joining our school community for the 2019-20 school year.

Spring Athletics Ultimate / Track and Field

The Ultimate season was amazing. Since there was no Grade 8 league in Surrey, we played all our games at the Junior level (Grades 9 and 10). With experienced teams to play against, our team learned a lot in a short amount of time. We played hard, smart, and together as a team. Something also to be proud of was the fact that we had such high scores for the Spirit of the Game – our sportsmanship was commendable. At the same time Ultimate was going on, six of our players were also involved in track and field. They juggled practice times and added track meets into their schedules. We competed in the Surrey Championships, some qualified for the Fraser Valley Championships, and then some qualified for the Provincials! Three of our students represented our school in Kelowna at the BC High School Championships: Marcus competed in the 100m hurdles, Natalie in the Junior Hammer Throw, and JB in the SO Shot Put. Marcus and Natalie both got their personal best results, and JB won SJP2's first track and field medal – a bronze 3rd place in his event!



Ultimate Team at playoff tournament in Surrey



Track and Field athletes at Provincials in Kelowna

March for Life - May 9th in Victoria

Once again, our students experienced another “first”. On a beautiful sunny day, the entire school travelled to Victoria to participate in a rally to support and protect the sanctity of life. Following a relaxing ferry ride, we celebrated mass with Archbishop Miller along with students from a number of different high schools, elementary schools and various church groups. We then proceeded to the Legislative buildings to hear from a variety of amazing and courageous guest speakers. It was truly a unique and memorable experience for our students who proudly wore their school hoodies and were acknowledged by a number of people who were interested in our new high school. The smiles on our students’ faces and the people they met during the trip was very special. It is a ‘tradition’ we hope to continue in the years to come.



Mother's and Father's Day School Mass Celebrations

Masses to honour all Mothers and Fathers of our school community were held on May 8th and June 13th, 2019. These two beautiful events also included extended members of our community: parents of future grade 8s, parishioners from Star of the Sea church and the Knights of Columbus joined our school mass and reception. Students organized the holy celebration, participating in the preparation of invitations, readings, altar serving, music ministry, as well as learning the role of a server at the reception. Mothers were presented with a rosary-style bracelet and Fathers received a prayer card with details of a Mass celebrated in their honour. The growth and development of our school community would not be possible without the stupendous support of the parents of our students at SJP II Academy. We thank God for the faith and vision, and we pray that they continue to receive His graces and abundant blessings.



Students and their moms at the Mother's Day Mass and Reception

Cops for Cancer Fund Raiser

This has been a very busy year for the staff and students of St. John Paul II Academy in making connections with the local community. One of the initiatives that we supported this year was Cops for Cancer. The monies raised from our fund raising efforts will be utilized to send a child with cancer to Camp Goodtimes located at Loon Lake. Our students raised the funds by bringing their own personal items – toys and games – and sold them at the Knights of Columbus Flea market on Sat. June 1st. We were overjoyed by the support of our students, staff and most of all, thankful to have the support of the local community RCMP. Overall we raised \$600 and were able to present the cheque to two constables from the White Rock RCMP. The Cops for Cancer ride will take place in September.

Upcoming Information Evenings @ 6:30 pm at St. John Paul II Academy

- ❖ Sept. 18th
- ❖ Oct. 23rd
- ❖ Nov. 20th



\$600 Cheque presented to White Rock RCMP

Legacy Awards Ceremony

Although we approached the end of our inaugural year, we had a special opportunity to celebrate another “FIRST” – our Legacy Awards Ceremony on June 7th, 2019. The staff were proud to be a part of this event as we celebrated our students’ achievements in academics, athleticism and personal growth. Twelve characteristics of our school were chosen to represent the tone and culture of our school through both the students of the Legacy Class and eight honoured members of our community.

These influential individuals embody the characteristics named after them through the meaningful works of service they have done (and continue to do) in our community, and the support they continue to demonstrate for Catholic education.

The awards and scholarship recognized students who have excelled in their academic pursuits and have also developed attributes that portray their passion and purpose. Overall, our awards showcased how our students have benefitted from our education program; striving to maintain a balance between achieving academic excellence and developing life-long interests and personal aspirations along their journey of learning and discovery.

The awards and winners are:

Archbishop Miller Award for **REVERENCE**: Anna Shoemay
Dan Moric Award for **LEADERSHIP**: Marcus Berner and Natalie Pinto
Dan Moric Award for **SERVICE**: Alexander Lifvenborg
Father Ajin George Award for **SACRIFICE**: William King
Troy Van Vliet Award for **GRIT**: JB Diego and Jeannette Walters
Father Glenn Dion Award for **CREATIVITY**: Kaleb Hartley
Al Pavlovic Award for **COURAGE**: Leland Wood

Father Donnelly Award for **PERSEVERANCE**: Taj Dayrit and Sebastian Gerard.

Troy Van Vliet Award for **RESPECT**: William King and Kelly Wang

Silveria Roselli Award for **STEWARDSHIP**: Savanna Ganga and Tia Santoro.

Silveria Roselli Award for **JOY**: John Borkowski and Nicholas Lushi.

Archbishop Miller Award for **EXCELLENCE**: Alexander Lifvenborg and Natalie Pinto.

Principal’s Award for **Academic Achievement**: Marcus Berner, Alexander Lifvenborg, Natalie Pinto and Jeannette Walters.

Male Athlete of the year: Alexander Lifvenborg and **Female Athlete of the year**: Natalie Pinto

The Catholic Women’s League \$100 Scholarship: Jeannette Walters

We congratulate all the students for their remarkable achievements and personal growth during this past year. The staff have no doubt that each student will contribute to the future well-being of our school and community through their God given talents and the support of their families.



Staff, students, honored guests at our Legacy Awards evening – June 7th