



JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

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# Principal's Message



When I was hired just over a year ago my official title was as Anticipatory Principal of a yet to be named new CISVA high school in the South Surrey area. Despite the excitement, we knew there were going to be no easy roads in developing a project of this magnitude into a reality. Yet, with a lot of grit, prayer, and support from this wonderful faith and learning community we are just over a few months away from having the inaugural Grade 8 legacy class starting in September 2018.

I am extremely grateful to the many individuals who have so generously offered their support in so many different ways.

In particular, to Archbishop J. Michael Miller and our outgoing Superintendent, Dan Moric who embraced the dream that surrounded this new project. To our strong team led by Troy Van Vliet and included Mike Donelson, Silveria Roselli, and Al Pavlovic. Their countless hours and ongoing enthusiasm and encouragement were inspiring and instrumental in getting us to where we are today. To our determined parent community who are always there to lend a hand to whatever is needed – it is so much appreciated.

I pray in thanksgiving to God for all that He has blessed us with and continues to send our way. I keep in mind that the task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

I want to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to our meeting once again when the school year starts up in September.

God bless you,

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# Tour the School in September

We encourage all interested families to come and see how we have transformed the Star of the Sea Community Centre into our temporary high school. Everything will be ready to go by the start of the new school year in September. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Principal, Mr. Michel DesLauriers by e-mail: mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca





## **Introducing our New Teachers**



#### Mr. Tony Walters

Mr. Walters has been an educator for 21 years, 19 of those at Cloverdale Catholic school. He has always enjoyed the challenge and adventure of teaching. A Masters in Education Leadership for Trinity Western in 2011 provided him with fresh perspectives, and BC's new curriculum offers exciting opportunities. Mr. Walters looks forward to helping create a Catholic culture at St. John Paul II Academy, a place where the Catholic Intellectual Tradition meets the New Evangelization.



#### Mrs. Aleli Perez

Mrs. Perez graduated from SFU in 2004 with a Bachelor Degree in English Literature and a minor in Educational Psychology. Prior to taking on her role at St. John Paul II Academy, she worked at St. Patrick Regional Secondary School as a Learning Resource teacher and a Life Skills teacher. She is excited to welcome the first inaugural Gr. 8 class of St. John Paul II Academy and create a faith filled community of learners.



#### Mrs. Charmaine Jansen

Mrs. Jansen is a proud Catholic Educator who is passionate about the role she plays in her students' faith development and intellectual curiosity. Beginning her career at St. Francis de Sales elementary school, Mrs. Jansen then moved to teaching at Little Flower Academy for the past 10 years.

She graduated from SFU with a Bachelor of Arts (English major and Business minor) and a Bachelor of Education (Learning Disabilities minor). She also pursued her graduate degree from St. Mark's College with a Masters of Religious Education.

She and her husband (also a high school teacher) are avid outdoors people who have a love for hiking trails with their Labradoodle. An active member of her parish community at Christ the Redeemer, Mrs. Jansen is a lector and has been involved in teaching and sponsoring RCIA groups, as well as organizing children's liturgy and altar server education at St. Helen's parish.

**Note:** We are currently in the process of hiring a part-time Secretary for St. John Paul II Academy which we hope to be able to announce before the end of June.



## Space still available for Grade 8 - September 2018

We continue to have space available for Grade 8 students in September 2018. Word of mouth is our best advertising and if you know a family who is interested please have them contact the Principal or check out the Application process located on the school website: www.sipacademy.com



#### November 2016

A group of parents approach the CISVA Superintendents Office and Archbishop Miller with a proposal for a new high school in the South Surrey area known initially as "South Surrey Catholic Academy". Some distinguishing aspects is that the new high school would be non-regional and a new funding model would assist in its construction. Ten-acre property is gifted by the Archdiocese for the project located at 182<sup>nd</sup> St. and 24<sup>th</sup> Ave in South Surrey.

#### April 2017

1st Principal – Mr. Michel DesLauriers is hired by the CISVA.

#### May 2017

Archbishop Miller officially names the 10th, CISVA, high-school – St. John Paul II Academy. Other names included: St. Maximilian Kolbe; St. Mother Teresa; All Saints; St. Francis

#### June 2017

Outbound Phoning
Committee reaches out to
the approximately 300
people in our data base who
have expressed interest in
the new high school. Five
names are collected who
contribute Enrolment
Deposits for their children to
secure a place in Gr. 8 when
the time arrives.

#### September – November 2017

Parent Information Evenings; 1st School Newsletter; 2nd Outbound Phoning; School Uniform / Crest developed; Architectural Renderings created which depict what the new high school will look like; Star of the Sea Community Centre officially becomes the temporary home until the new school is constructed in 2020.











## A Productive Year in Anticipation – Recap of 2017-18

As we reflect back on this "Anticipatory" year it is worthwhile to point out some of the milestones – if I may – the past year that have moved us closer to starting in September.





### Currently

Close to 40 parents have contributed an Enrolment Deposit representing about a million dollars raised for construction.



#### December 2017

Open House held at Star of the Sea Community Centre attracts over 250 people; New school website is launched: www.sjp2academy.com; Site works on the permanent location is donated by the Miller family.

#### Jan. – March 2018

Focus on Gr. 8 Enrolment for Sept. 2018 – currently 18 students are registered; Interviews begin for new teachers; 1st Education Committee appointed by CISVA Board of Directors.

#### April 2018

Three new teachers hired: Tony Walters; Charmaine Jansen; Aleli Perez who, along with the Principal, Mr. Michel DesLauriers, will form the teaching staff for the 2018-19 school year; 1st Education meeting held April 23rd @ Good Shepherd Parish.

#### May - June

Preparations under way to get Star of the Sea
Community Centre ready for the new school year; Head
Start Summer Program – held in July for incoming Gr.
8 students as a way to get to know the other students and teachers; Currently in process of hiring part-time
Secretary.



Inaugural Gr. 8 Legacy class begins!!!