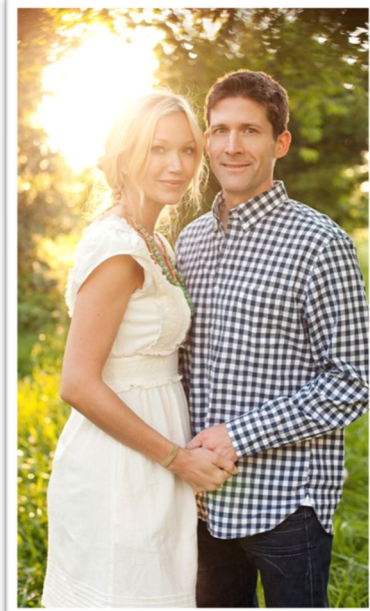


# SAINT JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

## BUILDING THE LEGACY



Dr. Joseph King Physician & Major Donor



### A Note from Foundation Director Dr. Joseph King

Our family is grateful for the opportunity to become involved in the establishment of Saint John Paul II Academy, the newest Catholic high school in the Vancouver Archdiocese. In 2013, our family moved to BC's lower mainland from Seattle, Washington where our children had attended a Catholic elementary school. After our move to Canada, we found it important that our children continue to receive a Catholic based education and we were happy that we could enroll our children at Star of the Sea Elementary School in South Surrey. These established Catholic elementary schools exist today because parents of past students and contributing community members understood the tremendous value of a Catholic education for children and the world.

As our own children approached high school age, like many parents in the greater South Surrey area, we became increasingly aware of the need for a nearby new Catholic high school to serve a rapidly expanding population with growing numbers of families seeking a faith based high school education. We were delighted to join the grass roots initiative led by Troy Van Vliet to help build this much needed new high school.

With the vital support of Archbishop Miller, Father Dion and many others in this community, in the fall of 2018, Saint John Paul II Academy first opened its doors in the temporary facility in the old Star of the Sea Community Building in White Rock.



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Our eldest son, William entered Saint John Paul II Academy as a member of the school's very first students in grade 8. In June 2023, William was one of the members of the graduating Legacy class- the first group of students to graduate from Saint John Paul II Academy. After receiving an excellent high school education at Saint John Paul II Academy, every one of SJPII Academy's class of 2023 achieved his or her first choice for post-secondary endeavors. William is happy to be attending the University of British Columbia this fall where he will study science. These first graduates of SJPII Academy played a very important role in establishing this high school that will serve and positively impact so many students, families and the world for generations. Our son, Charlie, now entering grade 10 at SJPII, will be a member of the first class to graduate from the new school campus currently under construction.

Why do we value a Catholic education and consider building Saint John Paul II Academy to be important now, both for our family and the community? The quality of academic instruction and the educational foundation of faith-based values are two key reasons. The wonderful teachers and staff at Saint John Paul II Academy understand that a quality education engages a student on all levels, including intellectually and spiritually. These educators teach their students literature, math, and science with excellence, while teaching the subjects within a greater context of each student's moral, and spiritual development.



The teachings of Christ are emphasized at SJPII, including values of kindness, compassion, empathy and the dignity of each human person. Christians are called to continue the tradition of the Apostles who handed on the faith and fought in defense of the faith, sharing Christ's message of salvation, hope and love and Catholic schools help share this message. For our greater school community including those who are not Catholic, Saint John Paul II Academy is helping students to discover the universal value of serving others while supporting our community through student led activities and volunteering.

In today's secular society where governments are often hostile to traditional faith traditions and seem quick to revise, cancel or replace traditional educational curriculum in efforts to promote a cultural ideology or political philosophy in schools, more than ever, our community and country needs independent alternatives like Saint John Paul II Academy. Government managed schools with a singular government approved curriculum should not be the only educational option in a multicultural and free society. Our society needs faith-based alternatives like Saint John Paul II Academy- where a traditional education includes fundamental truths about our humanity, biology, and each life's purpose. We have chosen to help support the establishment of Saint John Paul II Academy because at this moment in human history, building this school is so important for the future of both our local community and the world.

Joseph and Holly King Family

# New Beginnings



*Building a legacy means creating something that will be passed on for hundreds of years to come...*

## Building the Legacy

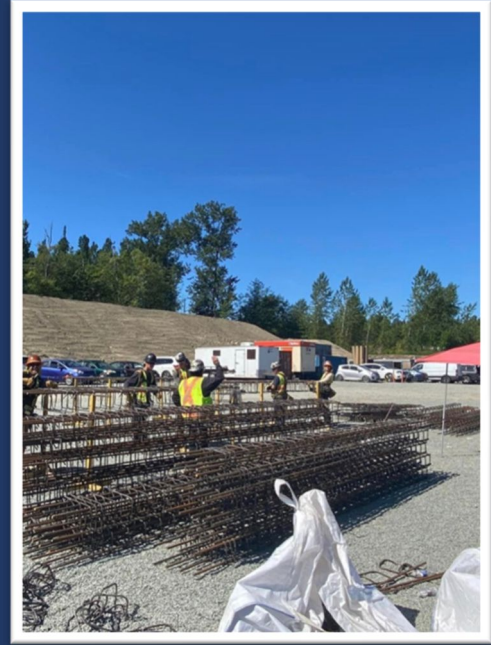
Independent schools, like ours, are a community benefit. This is because Independent Schools have no government funding. We don't receive funding for the construction cost nor the land and therefore none of the infrastructure is paid by the taxpayers, including roads. We are responsible to build roads around the entire school. Also, we are obliged to do a temporary school sewer connection. So, Saint John Paul will pay for it all which translates to tens of millions of dollars.

The entire community will benefit from this project because this initiative is not funded by taxpayer money. Therefore, the community receives a high school, that is so needed, and the money saved will go to other priorities that is required by community. We are still on schedule for September 2025. We look forward to celebrating the Opening Ceremonies. If you haven't registered yet, register now, and save your spot.

Troy Van Vliet  
Chairman of the Board



**SAINT JOHN PAUL II**  
ACADEMY





Vancouver, BC. Oct. 21, 2014.  
His Holiness The Dalai Lama Honored  
our founder John Volken with the  
***Dalai Lama Humanitarian Award***  
for effectively changing lives.

*Community Philanthropy – John Volken Academy*

## JVA Graduation

Congratulations to the John Volken Academy Graduates!!!

I had the honor of attending the John Volken Academy Graduation Ceremony this past June 2023.

The John Volken Academy Program provides effective, long-term, residential addiction treatment for men and women. Their exceptional success rates set them apart from other recovery centers!! God bless Mr. and Mrs. Volken and their philanthropic efforts and hearts.

If you know anyone that suffers from addiction, please let them know about JVA located in Surrey, B.C. [www.volken.org](http://www.volken.org)



# The Parent Association

As Vice President of our departing Parent Association Executive for the 2022-2023 School year, I'd like to offer sincere thanks to every member of our hard working PA as well as the many parent volunteers who signed up and stepped up to help out with our numerous events over the past year. While we hosted many events and celebrations as the PA Executive, every parent with a student at St John Paul II Academy is automatically considered a member of the Parent Association and we welcome input from every member even if they're not on the executive Association.

We enjoyed an opening week Bar-b-que for nearly 200 guests in September featuring a spread of beef brisket and pulled pork, beer and wine garden for adults, a "90's and Neon" themed dance for Halloween with a DJ and light up dance floor to start the year off right. Our students were permitted to bring High School aged guests and it was a big success.

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We started up 2 perpetual fund raisers that generate funds just for purchasing them which was the car wash coupons and the "Lovable Labels" initiative that simply sends a \$ percentage of orders directly to the PA for deposit. If you need labels before September, we highly recommend them.



Lisa Van Vliet  
VP PARENT ASSOCIATION

There are "clothing dots" stickers that don't require ironing or sewing on and remain secured to fabric for years after being washed repeatedly. Our Lost and Found consistently contains uniform items that are not labelled. A \$10 pack of stickers would solve this issue for families missing any items.

We hosted a pub night for adults in the fall that had a great turnout and featured donated auction items that were very popular. A special thanks to all the donors as well as the Dee family for their generosity in donating the food and venue for this popular and successful event in their family's restaurant.

We had 2 Purdy's chocolates fund raisers (Christmas and Easter) and assisted with SJPII's annual open House in December.

The first "Our lady of Guadalupe" celebration was executed by a hard working PA member (Italia) and a school parent (Gabi).

Quite an undertaking for 2 people, but it was very well done and extremely popular with the students and their younger siblings.

## SUMMER 2023 EDITION

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Our Christmas foliage and greenery fund raiser was held over Christmas, as well. We were also able to donate monies towards bursaries, awards and equipment for the school that was needed.

We truly couldn't have accomplished all we did without your support and attendance, so thank YOU for contributing and attending.

Our hot lunch was one of our biggest fund raisers that enabled us to support as many student initiatives as we did. We are in need of a new Hot Lunch Team of 2 volunteers.

We will be going digital this year and will be able to take payments directly on the ordering app to make things easier and more streamlined, but we NEED to staff these positions asap or we will not be able to provide hot lunch service for the upcoming year.

Please reach out to Gabi Nieto at [Gabriela.Nieto@hotmail.com](mailto:Gabriela.Nieto@hotmail.com) (next year's PA President-elect) if you can help.

**\*\*The upcoming PA still has positions available for Secretary and Treasurer. Without these positions filled, we won't be able to have a PA as they are mandated as vital to the proper functioning of the Parent Association. This would be a great loss for our students and community and we are hoping to have these positions filled by September! You are welcome to share the role with a spouse or friend as it reduces the work load for both parties.\*\***

A special thank you is due for some very generous donors- Dr Joseph and Holly King, as well as Daniel and Fern Roa-Cole for their outstanding financial support of our school initiatives this year!

Please enjoy your summer and we look forward to reuniting in September!

Blessings always,

Lisa Van Vliet  
VP PARENT ASSOCIATION  
2023



# Good Times at SJPII



## Capital Campaign

When I think of Saint John Paul II Academy, I think of so many amazing qualities it has to offer. When I think of the values that I hold dear to my heart, they almost exactly align with those taught at Catholic Schools. Being involved with this project was an amazing way to bring those values to life, while serving my community. Giving the young men and women of the next generation a chance to grow in the spirit of SJP2 was an opportunity that I was eager to undertake.

There are a few different things that excite me about Saint John Paul II Academy. First thing that immediately comes to mind, is the state-of-the-art building and design. When you think of some of the high schools in and around the Lower Mainland, you notice that the majority of the highest-ranking ones have those renowned facilities and we wanted to emulate that concept. We were fortunate to work with great people that brought those ideas to life. Mark Blackwood, and his team, with Ekistics Architecture, worked tirelessly to realize those inspirations.

Another thing worth mentioning is that the actual location of the school. The location allows those who live in the South Surrey area to have the option of a Catholic education for their child, something that was not possible before we undertook the development because of a lack of Catholic High schools.

Maybe a more subtle yet equally important aspect that excites me is knowing the quality and integrity of the people we have working on our Foundation Board, Society Board, and Staff. Striving for excellence is at the core of all their lives and we could not be happier with the people involved with the school and how it will look in the near future.

In terms of the Saint John Paul II Academy community, I would like to speak on a more personal level. When I think of "community" and what that all entails, I immediately equate it to a sort of focal point or a commonality. The high school setting is unique because it grants that community to everyone involved.



Silveria Roselli  
DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Having been involved with some different high school communities over the years, has given me the realization that its lasting benefits extend to the parents, as well as the students. I recall being at, my son's, Nico, Catholic High School event and hearing an honorary graduate inductee explain how his son would be leaving the school a better man but in truth, he and his wife were also leaving as better parents. They had become so involved with philanthropy, fund raising, sports and milestones events such as Christmas concerts and Mother's Day masses, that it created a new world of connections and new passions for that community that they found themselves in. We look forward to experiencing all these milestones with your family.

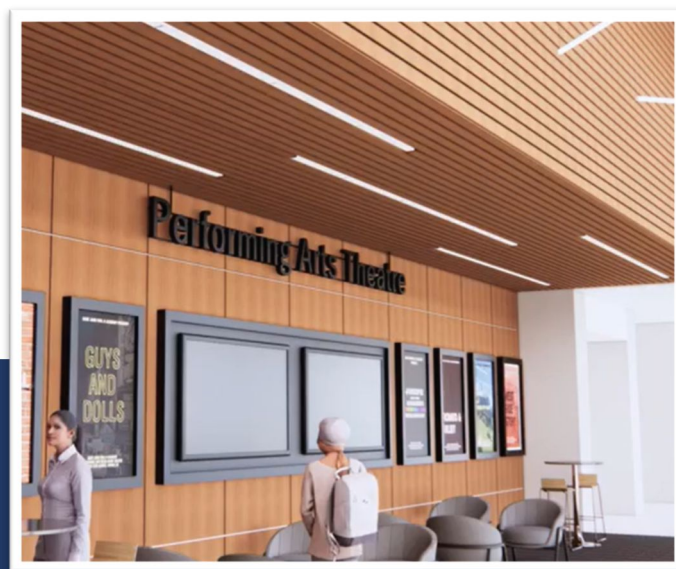
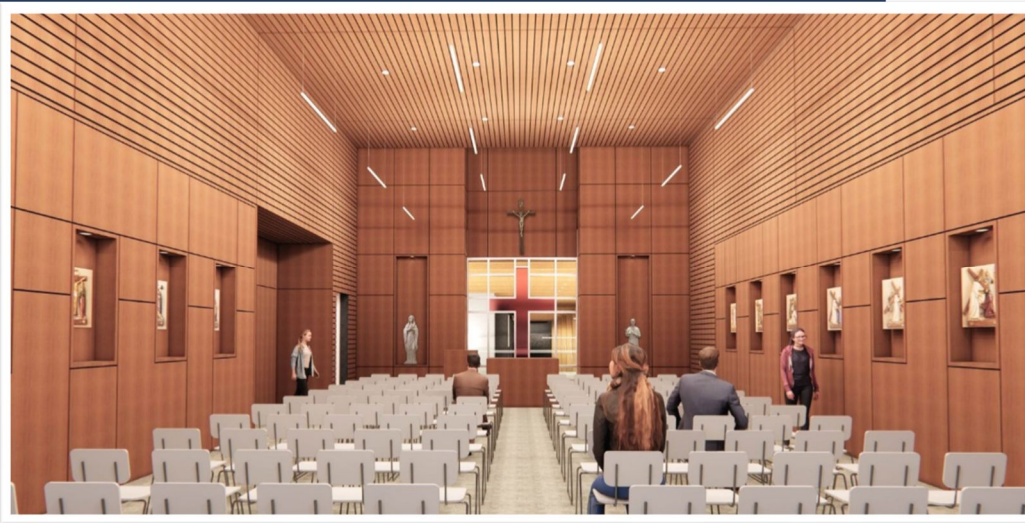
On a final note, I would like to ask you to get involved with our school. We are always looking for Brand Ambassadors to represent us in the community. I, along with the rest of the Board Members and Staff, want SJP2 to be one of the first names considered when parents are charting a course of education for their child. We believe that the school is poised to be in that position, but we would always want to create awareness about who exactly we are, what we offer, what our core values are and why we stand out amongst the rest of the educational choices. Come partner with us and be part of the LEGACY!

We welcome you and your family to come and join our community!

Silveria Roselli  
Director of Advancement  
Foundation Board, one of Founding Members



# THE BEST IS YET TO COME!



If you are interested in donating and would like to know more about the process, please contact:

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