



# Vanier Catholic Secondary

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## School Council Meeting September 2018 Principal's Report

### 1. Enrolment as of September 6, 2018:

	September 2018	May 2018	September 2017	September 2016	September 2015
Grade 8	70	77	75	72	78
Grade 9	74	72	74	78	62
Grade 10	74	74	78	62	69
Grade 11	71	55	58	67	72
Grade 12	63	58	65	75	69
Room 1	8	8	6	20	17
Riverfront	5	12	11		
YAC/YOF	0*	0*	6		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>367</b>

### 2. Staffing

	September 2018	September 2017	September 2016	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013
Administration	2.0 FTE*	2.0 FTE*	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE
VCSS Teaching Staff	28.0 FTE	28.3 FTE	27.5 FTE	26.7 FTE	29.0 FTE	30.0 FTE
SRP Teaching Staff	2.2 FTE**	2.2 FTE**	3.7 FTE	3.7 FTE	3.5 FTE	3.0 FTE
<b>TOTAL Teaching Staff</b>	<b>32.2 FTE</b>	<b>32.5 FTE</b>	<b>33.2 FTE</b>	<b>32.4 FTE</b>	<b>34.5 FTE</b>	<b>35.0 FTE</b>
Educational Assistants/RT	14.5 FTE	11.0 FTE	14.0 FTE	12.0 FTE	9.75 FTE	8.5 FTE
Office Staff	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE

\* = 0.5 Principal + 1.5 Vice-Principal for 2017-2018 / 2018-2019

\*\* Was 3.7 FTE minus 1.0 (YOF) and 0.5 (YAC) = 2.2 FTE (Room 1 and Riverfront) – see below

SRP = Young Offenders Facility, Youth Achievement Centre, Riverfront School, Room 1 Resource Room

- Staff list is attached
- Maria Gray has indicated she plans to go on parental leave for the second semester
- A 0.5 FTE Educational Assistant position is currently unfilled.

### 3. Programming

- Gr. 8 transition went well - Orientation Day was on Monday, August 20 in the afternoon and was very well attended (by both staff and students)
- Social Studies/Sciences Humaines 10 teachers will refresh their Indian Residential Schools unit training.
- Post-secondary visits (and interest to visit) have begun.
- Grade 8 & new students vision screening will begin soon.
- Humanities and Scimatics 8/9 teachers have used “collaboration time” (leave from teaching duties) to coordinate yearly planning and the potential to “reshuffle” groups at certain times.
  - i. A Grade 8 Math diagnostic was administered on Sept. 14
- Discussions on Grade 8/9 teachers writing midterm exams before Christmas and the impact on the January exam session are underway.
- The timing of the Fine Arts/Applied Skills night for the first semester is under discussion.
- Tutoring program has started, despite funding not confirmed.
- School Wide Writes and DART administrations are scheduled.

### 4. Revised Curriculum / New Graduation Requirements:

- New courses or significantly revised curricula starting this year: Composition 10 (English Language Arts [ELA], 2 credits), New Media 10 (ELA, 2 credits), Focused Literary Studies 10 (ELA, 2 credits), Social Studies/Sciences Humaines 10 (4 credits), Science 10 (4 credits).
- Humanities and Scimatics 8 & 9 are continuing to plan collaboratively
- School is still experimenting with ASPEN (school management software) to implement outcome-based grading/reporting
- Reporting practices for 2018-2019 have changed significantly
  - i. See attached information sent to parents in the spring.
- Consultation and decision-making will be required before course selection for 2019-2020 commences in February 2019. A proposed timeline of activities:
  - i. October/November 2018 – Consultation with other secondary schools and Department of Education. Gather information on post-secondary entrance requirements. Develop options for:
    1. Career Life Education & Connections
    2. Additional Social Studies 11/12 course requirement for Vanier Catholic Secondary (due to World Religions 12)
    3. Religion 12 course requirement
  - ii. December 2018/January 2019 – Consult VCS teachers to assess willingness and capacity to offer new Grade 11/12 courses. Update Course Handbook with new course descriptions that we may be in a position to offer.
  - iii. February 2019 – Issue course selection sheets and students input requests into Aspen.
  - iv. March/April 2019 – Build master timetable for 2019-2020

## 5. Activities and Events

- See attached calendars (September/October)
- Ryan's finalized leave calendar (attached)
- Professional Development/Inservice Days
  - August 30 – ASPEN software training – Standards Based Grading and Reporting
  - August 31 – Catholic Schools of Whitehorse Staff Retreat
  - September 7 – Ken O'Connor – Standards Based Grading and Reporting
  - September 27/28 – Yukon Teachers' Association Conference
  - January 18 – Standards Based Grading and Reporting [and/or Teacher Evaluation and Growth Framework]

## 6. School Growth Plan

- School Growth Plan for 2018-2019 is a series of inquiries to increase flexibility and choice for students in order to raise our expectations of performance for them.
- "Department Heads" will lead smaller inquiry groups:
  - Competency-Based Learning in Scimatics - Ben Craigen
  - Competency-Based Learning in Humanities - Marcia LaLonde
  - Personal Competencies in Grades 10-12 - Janet Clarke
  - Personalized Learning in 10-12 - Tanis Giczi
  - Standards Based Learning, Grading and Reporting - Caroline Holway
  - FN Ways of Knowing and Doing / Religion - Maria Gray
  - Supporting ELLs and Vulnerable Learners - Mia Ouellette
  - Possible School Structures to Support the Redesign - Dave Thomson
- Due to the new reporting requirements, we are delaying the commencement of the inquiry groups to the start of Semester 2.

## 7. Professional Learning Communities / Homeroom

- PLCs are every third week, on average – 2:30 until 4:00 pm with both a staff meeting / professional development component.
  - i. Semester 1 will be focused on Assessment and Reporting
  - ii. Semester 2 will be focused on School Growth Plan
- Homeroom groups were redistributed this year
  - i. Splits into Grade 8/9, 10/11 (Core competency focus) and Gr. 12 (Grad Transitions focus) groupings
- Additional Wednesdays will be used as
  - i. 'X' blocks where time for school liturgies/celebrations are made up.
  - ii. Tutorials after reporting periods where students will exercise choice.
  - iii. School Spirit activities

## 8. Facilities/Capital/Budget

- The outdoor classroom is nearing completion.

- The heating control system upgrade was completed and is being commissioned.
- \$250 000 of upgraded Apple hardware was deployed.
- Our capital budget has been exhausted.
- Our O&M budget is tight due to unexpected expenses related to the new Apple hardware, a reduction in budget due to loss of YAC/YOF, and increasing costs.