

Vanier Catholic Secondary

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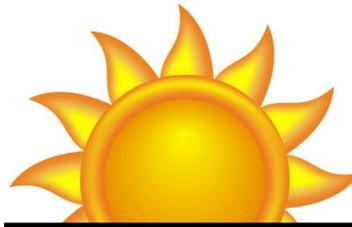
Principal's Message

As this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, we hope that our students have already settled in for their summer break! Regular breaks are crucial to help maintain a sense of balance and perspective along with ensuring that we all return in August ready to dive back into working together. (NOTE: this goes as much for our staff as it does for our students!)

I noticed very often, in the last weeks of school, instances of students and staff sharing their gratitude for each others' efforts and for what each contributes to make our school better. In particular, many of our departing Class of 2017 students took opportunities to thank our staff for their support and efforts—these were touching gestures and provided a great deal of encouragement as we pushed towards the end of the school year. I wish to add to that—thank you to everyone who took the time to recognize the work of others—it really makes a difference!

There are a few staffing changes that I can announce:

- Ms. Brogdon has been appointed as an additional vice-principal for the next two years to cover Mr. Sikkes' educational leave.
- Mr. Caudle and Mr. Jackson will be on



God,

This summer may be full of new experiences for me and my friends: new jobs, exciting trips, and vacations to places we've never been before.

Grow us, stretch us through whatever we do, and through wherever we go, so that we'll end the summer just a little more like you.

Amen

parental leaves during Semester 1—we wish them the best as they spend valuable time with their children!

- Ms. Ferris has decided to remain at Porter Creek Secondary—we thank her for her service to Vanier Catholic Secondary.
- Mr. Deuling, Ms. Boye, Mme. Hamel, Mr. Gallant, and Ms. Schaefer are all returning from their leaves—we are excited to have them back!
- Ms. Pasloski, Mr. Susin, and Mme. Donald have all been offered positions at other schools—we wish them the best in their new teaching assignments.

- Ms. Tanya Lewis and Ms. Angellina Burns will be joining us next year to cover some of the classes for Mr. Caudle and Mr. Jackson.

- Mr. Trevor Mead Robbins will be joining us as a part-time Learning Assistance Teacher focused on Assistive Technology.

- Educational Assistants Mr. Greenshields and Ms. Veldt have been reassigned to other schools—we are grateful to have had them here this year and wish them the best in their new assignments. We also welcome Ms. Tonya Paul who was reassigned to Vanier for next year.

- Educational Assistants Mr. Formaran, Mr. DeVries, and Mr. McKibbon are all off on other adventures for next year—we thank them for their valuable service.

- Ms. Alex Sullivan in the office will be welcoming another addition to her family shortly and we welcome LJ London who will be the Office Administrator during Alex's leave.

- Ms. Maria Trainor and Mr. Erik Gray will be getting married this summer on August 18—we wish them a lifetime of happiness and love together!

Have a great summer, everyone!

Sincerely,

Ryan Sikkes, principal

For the latest news and information,
please visit our school's website:

www.vcss.ca

Dates to note:

August — October

The official 2017-2018 School Calendar can be accessed online at the Yukon Education website.



Sunday, August 27—Grade 8 Orientation 12:30 pm-3pm

Monday, August 28—First Day of School for all Students

Monday, September 4—Labour Day—NO SCHOOL

Thursday, September 7—Family BBQ, Honour Roll

Wednesday, September 13—Crusaders Day/Terry Fox

Friday, September 29—Catholic Schools of Whitehorse Retreat—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 4—Food Drive

Wednesday, October 4—Thanksgiving Liturgy

Friday, October 6—Curriculum Day—NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 9—Thanksgiving—NO SCHOOL

School Council Corner

The members of our current council are

Valerie Royle, chair

Edith Elder

Michael Lauer

Stella Martin

Maureen Long

Contact information, meeting agendas, and minutes are all available at www.vcss.ca under the School Council tabs.

The next Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 19.



All are welcome to our FREE **Welcome back to School/Family BBQ** on Thursday, September 7! We start the event with our 2016-2017 Honour Roll recognition at 6 pm with dinner served immediately after. We hope to see you there!

Notice to parents/guardians on school supplies

For the 2016-17 school year, the Yukon government provided one-time funding to School Councils to provide school supplies for Yukon students. This funding is now complete and will not be renewed. It took many hours of staff and volunteer work to administer, organize and distribute and we would like to thank all those who worked hard on this initiative. The total cost for the supplies was \$569, 000.00 and after careful consideration, we did not feel it was the best use of resources to support Yukon students.

Schools will return to the previous process. Many provide a list of the school supplies that students will need in the fall with the end of year report cards or on their websites. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children have these supplies.

We are committed to making sure that any families that need help to provide supplies for their child will have support from Yukon Education. If you require assistance with providing school supplies for your child for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact your local school the week of August 22, 2017, or later if required. There will be plans in place at the schools to support your requests.

Many schools save extra school supplies at the end of the year and as last year's initiative was unusual, we anticipate there may be some unused school supplies. All schools are happy to accept any unused school supplies and redistribute them for use as needed. We encourage recycling of any unused items. School superintendents will be connecting with their area schools to determine how best to provide any needed support in the fall.

Questions or concerns about school supply funding should be directed to the Department of Education.