



VCSS
School Council

Changing Our School Name

Who can propose a new name?

While we have sought and appreciated the wider Catholic community's input into changing the name, Council will only be inviting all **current** VCSS students, teachers, and administration to submit a proposal for changing our school's name.

Council will donate \$200 to a charity of the choice of the person who nominates the newly chosen school's name.

How do I propose a new name?

Following the school's name change criteria found in this package, please prepare and submit your proposal on the form found on page 4 of this package by **March 31st, 2021** to ianjmdavis@gmail.com

How will a new name get chosen?

Once all proposals have been submitted, Council and a small support group will review and evaluate the proposals. Once a new name has been selected Council will ask the Episcopal Corporation for a blessing on the new name and then work with the Department of Education to put forward the name to the Government of Yukon, who will make the final decision.

Once the government has decided, the name will be announced along with the person who proposed it.

Council hopes that a new name can be selected and in place for the 2021/22 School calendar year.

School Name Proposal Criteria

To submit a new school name proposal, the School Council asks that you follow the criteria below to help you select a name that you feel best fits the mission, values, and beliefs of our school community.

Please follow the foundational principles for proposing a new name:

- Any aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ (Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity etc.);
- Any aspect of Our Lady who may be named under one of her many titles or about her life (Our Lady of Grace, Assumption of Mary etc.);
- The name of a canonized saint;
- Names associated with heavenly beings such as angels.

Proposals that consider the following additional concepts that complement the foundational principles are encouraged:

- A clear link to Mission/Values/Beliefs of the school;
- A Yukon First Nation context/theme that assists the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action
- A Yukon context or theme

Additional considerations

- All proposed names **must** include the wording "*Catholic Secondary School.*"
- The name of a school will not use the possessive form. A designation is a dedication act, not possession.
- To avoid any future issues that we are experiencing with the current school name, **we will not** be accepting school names that use the name of a person other than that of a canonized saint. The canonization process provides us with the assurance that the name of that person is worthy of imitation.

School Name Proposal Form

Your Name:

Date submitted:

Current Student/Current Teacher/ Current administration (please circle)

Proposed name:

Please give a short explanation for your proposed name

Please tick that you have met the school name proposal criteria before submitting

Principle	Used
Aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ	
Aspect of Our Lady	
Name of a canonized saint	
Name associated with heavenly beings	
Clear link to Mission/Values/Beliefs of School	
Yukon First Nation context/theme	
Yukon context/theme	