



APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Easter Message



I hope that you all had a wonderful Spring Break and a blessed Holy Week. The Easter message following the Resurrection is loud and clear: Jesus Christ is alive, well, and kicking in our lives.

Never before had a man been crucified and buried only to emerge bodily three days later. But Christ did. Never before had a man endured such human hatred in order to demonstrate such divine love. But the Son of Man did.

No other single piece of good news has brought more comfort, more encouragement, more peace to more people than the ringing declaration "He is risen"!

As you celebrate the Easter Season, may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind and may that love, fill you with hope for all the days to come.

God bless you,

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St. John Paul II Academy Community Fund Raising Social FRIDAY, JUNE 1st

*With Special Guest
Archbishop J. Michael Miller*

Please join us for an exciting evening where we will celebrate St. John Paul II Academy's success to date and look towards the inaugural legacy class just 3 months away. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with the new families and supporters of our new high school as well as hear from the Archbishop and participate in the exciting auction and sponsorship opportunities.

Friday, June 1, 2018
Champagne reception starts at 6pm

MORGAN CREEK GOLF COURSE
3500 Morgan Creek Way, Surrey, BC

TICKETS: \$150 / person
Tickets can only be purchased online at:
<http://www.sjp2academy.com/social/>

Dress Code: Dress to Impress

For any questions or to offer help in advance, please contact Cathy at cathy@protinimport.com or Holly at holly.king@yahoo.com

St. John Paul II Academy Update 2018

The hard work behind the scenes continues as we move towards our inaugural start with our first Grade 8 class in September 2018 at our temporary facility – the Star of the Sea Community Centre. We are very fortunate to have access to this facility for our first two years and we are grateful to Fr. Dion for his initiative in assisting our new high school get on the map.

While the Community Centre will not have all the bells and whistles that our permanent facility will have, we are doing everything we can to have the Community Centre look and feel like a high school. There is much time and effort being put into making the classrooms, gym and other areas ready for a September start. We know you are going to be very proud of our facility and what we have to offer our students. It is our hope to take full advantage of our small class size and the outdoor resources we have in our community to provide a unique and exciting educational experience.

In the Registration package we have sent to the 20 Grade 8 students who have been accepted for 2018-19, we are asking for their input (through a survey) as to what electives and extra-curricular activities they would like to participate in during their first year. The Elective options will include Drama; Digital Literacy; Home Economics; and Environmental Studies. All of these options will be conducted in an exploratory fashion in order to prepare students for what they may want to focus on in the older grades.

In addition, we will ask our students if they are interested in participating in an off the timetable, after-school Band and Choir program. The other extra-curricular options to choose from include the following athletic programs: Cross Country and Girls Volleyball in the fall; Boys/Girls Basketball and Curling in the Winter; Track and Field and Ultimate Frisbee in the Spring. We also hope to offer to some Clubs that students may wish to get involved with such as the SJP II Academy Service team, Yearbook and Odyssey of the Mind. All of these activities will require coaches and teacher sponsors and take into consideration our small enrolment before they will be offered.



Nevertheless, we are hopeful with what we can offer in our first year.

Speaking of students, St. John Paul II Academy still has space in their Grade 8 class for September 2018 and we are continuing to accept applications. The Application Form can be found on the school website: www.sjp2academy.com or you can contact Mr. Michel DesLauriers at

mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca for more information.

The Education Hiring Sub-Committee is currently in the midst of interviewing prospective teacher applicants for the Grade 8 school year. More information will be provided once the process is completed and the teachers have been officially hired.

Education Committee 2018-19

At the March 2018 CISVA Board Meeting the following people were approved to serve for either a 2 or 3- year term on our first St. John Paul II Academy Education Committee. Our inaugural meeting was on March 26, 2018 and the following roles were determined:

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| ○ James Borkowski | Chair |
| ○ Shawn Pinto | Vice-Chair / Facilities & Maintenance |
| ○ Cathy Berner | Parent-Participation |
| ○ Dallas Parsons | Secretary |
| ○ Al Pavlovic | Treasurer |
| ○ Holly King | Hiring sub-Committee |
| ○ Fr. Lawrence Donnelly | Archbishop's Representative |
| ○ Mr. Michel DesLauriers | Principal |

There is currently one more person we are looking for to serve as the Archbishop's Representative as selected by Fr. Lawrence. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.

More information about the Education Committee along with minutes from our meetings can found on our school website: www.sjp2academy.com/foundations/

We want to thank all of these people for putting their name forward to serve on your behalf.

Grade 8 Head Start Summer Program July 2-13, 2018

St. John Paul II Academy is pleased to offer a summer program designed to help your child with the challenges associated in making the transition to life at the high school level. On each morning of the program the students will be given a head start academically by exposing them to some of the topics covered in in English 8 and Math 8.

The program is also designed to help students make the difficult social transition to high school life. By participating in the many activities offered during the afternoons, students will have an opportunity to interact with each other and with the program staff. Nothing makes a student feel more at ease than to see a friendly face in the hallways when they arrive in September.

More information about the program can be found on the school website: www.sjp2academy.com/academic/
- look under activities.



What our Grade 8 students are saying about why they want to attend SJP II Academy?

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall pass this way again." - Quote by Stephen Grellet

He inspired many people with this quote. What I find most inspiring about this quote is when he mentions that he will not pass this way again. That made me think I will never again have a chance to help start a new school, new opportunities, and a new tone to the school. After I looked at the different schools, I realized that this is an opportunity that rarely comes. Being in this school would be an experience that I will never forget. I can't wait for next year and to help build up St. John Paul II Academy.

"I want a safe and nurturing environment when I can grow in my faith. I also think that it will be a lot of fun to be able to do many "firsts" as a student of the legacy class."

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Grade 8 Uniform Fitting Session

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - 10:00am – 4:30pm

Star of the Sea Elementary School
15024 – 24th Ave., Surrey, BC V4A 2H8

Please contact Cambridge Uniforms prior to the fitting day to book your appointment. To book your fitting, please email orders@cambridgeuniforms.com





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“I am excited to go to St. John Paul II Academy because I believe it will be a wonderful leadership opportunity and great life experience.

It will be so fun to make the school nickname – I’ve already started thinking of names! I think it is going to be memorable to the first ever Grade 8 class and the first graduating class.”

“The moment my parents told me about SJP II Academy, I knew I wanted to attend this new school. I like that SJP II is a Catholic school and I will be able to continue growing in my Catholic faith community. The opportunity to be part of the legacy Grade 8 class is the icing on the cake.”

“I understand that there will be some challenges to overcome being a new school but I think this will help me when I grow up. I believe this will be a great experience and I will learn a lot.”

“The smaller class sizes are appealing to me because it would allow me and others to have more one-on-one time with the teachers. I also believe that being part of the legacy class will form strong and meaningful friendships among the students.”

“I would like to enroll in St. John Paul II Academy for I believe in the vision and mission of the school.

I would like to be part of an institution that uses the influence of Catholic faith to make a God-driven educational system that influences one to explore their own abilities and grow in their faith.”