

Welcome Back Message

from the Director



Welcome back! I hope that your summer was filled with relaxation, family time and some new adventures.

Our spiritual theme this year is **BELIEVE, LOVE, ACT: Love Your Neighbour as Yourself**, LUKE 10:27. This theme challenges us to become architects of a Catholic culture in our schools and workplaces. Our goal is to continue the process of our transformation in Christ that began in our baptism and to incorporate the Gospel values into our relationships with one another and our neighbour.

Employee participation in the **Habitat for Humanity - PVNC Build** is but one example of your collective concern and care for our neighbour. Later this month, a family will move into the new home you helped build! Congratulations and thank you for your example, generosity and involvement.

This year, our attention will again focus on achieving the many specific goals identified through our **Organizational Review** process and identified under our five key **Strategic Priorities**:

1. **Spiritual Growth**
2. **Enhanced Relationships**
3. **Effective Communication**
4. **Improved Student Learning**
5. **Staff Learning**

(View "Strategic Priorities Action Plan 2007-2010" on the Board website)

Each department at the Catholic Education Centre and our Catholic School Councils remain committed to supporting improved student learning and teaching as school staff collaboratively focus on achievement and assessment, differentiated instruction and personal professional growth.

We are very proud of our school district. Our students and staff, with the support of our Bishop, parents, parishes, caregivers and community partners, are extremely successful, demonstrating excellent performance in provincial testing and winning a wide variety of awards, competitions and recognitions. Our students have an excellent variety of choices, from traditional programming to programs in Advanced Placement, Specialist High Skilled Majors, Extensive Co-curriculars, as well as Special Education programs and services.

This year, we will continue to look at ways to grow and move forward as a district. Your commitment to "**Imparting the Spirit**" is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful year and God Bless!

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

In Catholic Education we work very hard at teaching the love of neighbour as an inextricable consequence of love of God. We teach Catholicism's youth to know profoundly what is meant and what it takes to open wide the doors of our heart to another. In corridors and classrooms, we teach them to do whatever is required to let other people enter into their lives. On blackboards and gym floors we teach them to reveal to other children and adults that they would be welcome in the hearts of our people. We show to them in eloquence of speech and eloquence of lifestyle how to give others every reason for wanting to stay in the hearts we open wide to them. If we want a person to enter into our heart's domain, we open wide the doors through kindness, consideration and compassion, attentive care, and tender love.

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"If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

JOHN 13:14