



# Vanier Catholic Secondary

16 Duke Road, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 4M2

Phone: (867) 667-5901 Fax: (867) 393-6370

www.vcss.ca

Ryan Sikkes, Principal Jeanette Gallant, Vice-Principal

June 2016

## Principal's Message

Whew! We made it!

I'd like to start this message with something that I've been repeating at the various ceremonies and awards nights that I've attended in the past month: We are so blessed to have such a committed and enthusiastic group of educators who work in the service of your children. All our teachers, educational assistants, remedial tutors, library clerks, office assistants, and custodians work so very hard to meet the needs of our students. Moreover, they see the individuals who present themselves each day in our building as *people* before they see them as *students*. The effect of this is great relationships that result in good teaching and learning. I'm so proud to work to support our amazing team and I'm thankful each day to have the privilege of watching them interact with our students. I hope that you will take some time to reach out to those on our staff who are making a difference in the lives of your kids.

In addition to saying farewell to our Class of 2016 who are going out into the world to pursue their individual paths to their good and worthwhile lives, we also say farewell to some staff as well:

- Thank you to Ms. Patey for your semester of teaching senior level English;
- Thank you and good luck to Jolene Campbell, one of our EAs, who will be pursuing her Bachelors of Education degree at Yukon College this fall; and



- Best wishes to Mr. Gallant, Ms. Schaefer, and Mme. Hamel who are all on a year's leave next year and will be travelling all over the world with their families; and
- Good luck to Ms. Ferris who will be on a temporary assignment to Porter Creek Secondary for next year.

A special thanks, also, to Fr. David Reilander who served as our school's chaplain this year. Fr. David will be heading to Toronto to take the position as President of Catholic Missions in Canada, an organization dedicated to helping spread the Good News in

the remote parts of Canada! Good luck, Fr. David! Next year, Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk will be joining our community as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish and will also be the chaplain for our school.

During this year's graduation, we recognized two students—Gabriel Rusk and Clare Cherepak—who would have been members of the Class of 2016. Their deaths still weigh heavily on the minds of many of our students and staff and we continue to pray for the repose of their souls and for their families. We planted two trees in our front garden in their memory and Fr. Kieran Kilcommons was kind enough to come and bless them on the day they were planted.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone for their continuing support and prayers for our school community and wish all a restful and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Sikkes, Principal

## Dates to note— August—November

The official 2016-2017 School Calendar can be accessed online at the Yukon Education website.



- Friday, August 26 and Monday, August 29—Counsellors available for schedule changes.
- Monday, August 29—PD Day—No school
- Monday, August 29—Gr. 8 Orientation Afternoon (12:30 –3 pm)
- Tuesday, August 30—First Day of School for all students
- Friday, September 2—PD Day— No school
- Monday, September 5—Labour Day—No school
- Wednesday, September 7—Family BBQ and 2015-2016 Honour Roll Presentations
- Friday, September 16—Terry Fox Run / Crusaders Day
- Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30—YTA Conference—No school
- Wednesday, October 5—Food Drive
- Monday, October 10—Thanksgiving Day—No school
- Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 4—Review Week
- Friday, November 4—Last day of Term 1

### ***School Council Corner***

The next council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting for all three Catholic School councils along with the Catholic Education Association of Yukon on Thursday, September 22 at 7 pm in the VCSS Library.

The members of our current council are:

- Edith Elder; Chair
- Michael Lauer, Vice-Chair
- Dianne Tait
- Maureen Long
- Shanon Cooper



A school council election was held on May 2 to elect members for a two-year term. Congratulations to Edith Elder, Michael Lauer, Maureen Long, Stella Martin, and Valerie Royle who were elected and who will start their term on Monday, August 29.

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

***WWW.VCSS.CA***



Tannen and Hayden were the winners of this semester's Iron Chef competition. The mystery ingredient was red peppers and their toasted baguettes with red pepper rouille and shrimp won over the judges!



Foods and Social Justice Classes visited Farmer Roberts to hear about local food production and food security from owner Robert Ryan. The students also heard from Michael King of Bean North about fair trade coffee and development work in Latin America.



Bishop Héctor Vila, and Frs. Slawomir, Anthony, and David celebrated Mass with classes from our Religion 8 and 9 classes in our chapel. The students spent the term learning about the parts of the Roman Catholic Mass and worship rituals from other faiths.

# Ch..ch..changes!

**DO NOT** purchase school supplies for next year!

All students will be supplied with what is essential for classes.

Yukon Government has given each school council funding to provide the essential supplies to each student for the next school year. The school will provide each student with binders, dividers, paper, pencils, pens, erasers, calculators, and other stationery supplies as required by the teacher. Backpacks and gym strip will **not** be supplied. This grant will also eliminate the school fee and reduce the religious education fee for the coming school year.



***Our bell schedule is not changing, but the arrangement of our periods is changing.***

***Please note that PLC early dismissals will be on Wednesdays next year.***

Warning 8:35	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Block 1</b> 8:40 – 9:51 (71 min)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
9:51 – 10:01 (10)					
<b>Block 2</b> 10:01 – 11:04 (63 min)	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
11:04 – 11:09 (5)					
<b>Block 3</b> 11:09 – 12:12 (63 min)	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
12:12 – 1:02 (50) Warning 12:56	<b>LUNCH</b>				
<b>Block 4</b> 1:02 – 2:05 (63 min)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
2:05 – 2:10 (5)					
<b>Block 5</b> 2:10 – 3:13 (63 min)	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>HR•PLC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>