



Vanier Catholic Secondary

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Re: School Supplies and Fees for 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Yukon Government has provided funding to school councils to supply all students with the essential school supplies for the 2016-2017 school year. On behalf of the council, the school will take care of providing all necessary supplies directly to students.

Families need not purchase any school stationery supplies for next year – the school will provide binders, dividers, paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, calculators, and other stationery supplies as required by teachers. Backpacks and gym strip will **not** be supplied by the school. If students desire “upgraded” versions of any of the supplies provided by the school, they are free to purchase them at their own expense.

After ensuring that essential school supplies will be provided to each student, the school council expects to have additional funds remaining. Therefore:

- For the 2016-2017 school year, ***the School Fee (\$25/student or \$50/family) will not be collected*** from families as the council has agreed to use the funding to cover this cost. We may use additional excess funding to reduce or eliminate other fees/charges as the year progresses.
- For the 2016-2017 school year, ***the Religious Education Fee will be reduced to \$15 per individual student or \$25 per family.*** The council has decided to use part of this money to cover some of the supply costs for the Religious Education program for our students, which has helped to reduce the Religious Education fee for this coming school year. The reduced Religious Education fee is still required to cover the non-material costs of delivering the Religious Education program to our students.

At the end of next year, the school council and the Department of Education will discuss how the grant was spent, how it supported our students and if we need to make any changes to how it was spent. Please note that if this grant for school supplies is not continued past next year, the Religious Education Fee may be increased at that time and the School Fee reinstated. If you have any questions or concerns about the Religious Education fee or School fee, please contact Mr. Sikkes at 667-5901 or Ryan.Sikkes@gov.yk.ca

Sincerely,

Ryan Sikkes
Principal