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Vancouver College is excited to announce the following staffing updates for the 2020-2021 school year:

Emma Ashcroft will be joining Vancouver College in the Fine Arts Department as our Middle and Senior School Music Teacher. Emma comes to us with experience teaching and directing school bands across the country in Alberta, Quebec, and most recently Vernon, BC. In 2015, she was recognized as “an outstanding new band director in the province of Alberta.”

Ellen Barber will be filling the role of Senior School Science Teacher at Vancouver College. Ellen is joining us from Mississauga, Ontario where she recently graduated with a Bachelor in Education focusing on Biology and Chemistry from Nipissing University. Prior to that, she received a Bachelors of Biology and Chemistry from Wilfrid Laurier University, graduating in 2017.

Jordan Lee will be joining our Middle and Senior School Teams as an Education Assistant. Jordan joins our team from Queen of All Saints Primary School, with experience working with the Canucks Autism Network, and a passion for coaching youth basketball.

Maria Luca will be stepping in as our Grade 5 Teacher, coming to us from Niagara Falls Ontario. No stranger to faith-based educational facilities, she has experience teaching at the Elementary School level from various Catholic schools in Ontario.

Polly Ludlow will be moving from her current position as Grade 6 Educational Assistant at Vancouver College to Grade 6 Teacher in September 2020. Polly has been with Vancouver College since January of this year after moving to Canada from Ireland, where she graduated with honours from St. Angela’s College Sligo.

Sue Mete will be joining our team as an Education Assistant in the Middle and Senior School. She comes to us with a combined 10-years experience working with children and youth, most recently as a Group Facilitator at Community Living Ontario.

Father Felix Min will be joining us as our new School Chaplain. Currently the Assistant Pastor at St. Patrick’s’ Parish, Father Min was ordained in December 2019. Father Min first came to Canada by himself when he was only 15, and [credits his home-stay mother](#) for forming him “by her good Christian life.”

Evan O'Donnell will be joining Vancouver College as IT Teacher for Middle and Senior Schools. Since moving to Vancouver from Ontario in 2014, Evan has held roles as a Teacher, Head of IT, and Key Program Teacher at both Madrona School Society and Westside Schools.

Sebastian Salas will be focusing on teaching IT to our Senior School students, with experience teaching and supporting online and distance education through ascendonline.ca, an online, Catholic Education community. Sebastian is also the co-owner of enroutec.ca, a bike rental, touring, servicing, and coffee shop located in Vancouver!

Siomha Surlis will be joining us from Ireland as an Education Assistant in the Middle and Senior Schools. She comes to us with a Bachelor of Education degree from St. Angela's College Sligo as well as experience teaching at Our Lady's School Terenure in Dublin.

Paul Treschow will be re-joining the Vancouver College community as a Senior School Humanities teacher after completing his practicum with us in 2019. He received his Bachelor of Education from UBC last year and will be graduating with a Master of Arts from the University of St Andrews this summer.

Bill Wicken is coming to us as our Middle School French Teacher with close to thirty years of experience as an educator, most recently as a Grade 7 teacher at St. Patrick's Elementary. Prior to that, he was Languages Department Head at Collingwood School and a French teacher at Burnsvew Secondary.

We are also excited to announce two internal moves at Vancouver College, with Sarah Parker and Tricia Listeck taking on new roles as Middle School Humanities Teacher, and Grade 1 Teacher respectively. We are looking forward to welcoming back both Chris Wong and Gillian Brown!

We would also like to acknowledge staffing changes at the Administrative level, communicated earlier this school year. Current Principal, Johnny Bevacqua, will be stepping into the role of Vancouver College's President as John Nixon retires after six years in the position. Daryl Weaver, our current Senior School Principal, will be stepping up to take on the role of School Principal. We welcome Frank Trentadue as our new Senior School Principal, coming to us from Ontario with over 30 years of educational experience.

We thank the following staff members who will be leaving us at the end of this school year: Marc de Asis, Taylor Cherris-Wilding, Peter Gustaffson, Milan Milosevic, Megan Reid, Lloyd Scrubb, Anthony Small, Victoria Stelzig, and Sarah Wong.

We extend special gratitude to Lloyd Scrubb who retired at the end of this school year and Father Juan Lucca (VC '09), our School Chaplain the past two years, who will be leaving us for his new role at St. Mary's in Chilliwack.

We thank Lloyd for 15 years of service to the school and for his dedication as a Middle and Senior School IT teacher, as well as his role throughout the past ten years in leading our Varsity Basketball team to multiple trophies and successful seasons. Congratulations Lloyd, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

We also thank Father Juan Lucca for the wisdom he has provided our community, as well as his willingness to help lead virtual masses during COVID-19, and his enthusiasm for stepping in and joining our students in open gym basketball.