

March 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Board of Directors at Vancouver College sets the tuition fees annually based on projected revenues and operating costs. At its meeting yesterday evening, the VC Board set the fees for the 2021-2022 school year at \$8,400 per student, an increase of \$200 (2.44%).

In addition to funding increases to regular operations, this fee adjustment will allow the school to continue the implementation of our multi-year K-12 technology plan and our long term program to address the important issue of class sizes.

The multi-year technology plan includes issuing students from Grades 7 to 12 their personal Chromebook, and this year (2020-21), we issued 400 computers to students. This year also saw new iPads and additional Chromebook carts to Elementary classrooms and we will continue with other updates to classroom-based technology for our Elementary students. To support our technology enhancements, significant networking improvements within the school have been made and will continue.

In 2021-22, driven by the Administration's firm commitment to student centred education the school will continue with its multi-year plan to reduce class sizes. In this current school year (2020-21) Grade 8 class sizes were addressed. In 2021-22 we continue with adjustments to other grade levels. There will be an additional sixth homeroom in Grade 9 thereby reducing the number of students in each homeroom. Adjustments to other grades will roll out in subsequent years to continue optimizing class sizes.

The Board is grateful to our Administrative team who, while managing the challenges and tensions of COVID-19 health restrictions and protocols, have also carefully developed and put in place these positive changes in learning conditions. The implementation of these changes will allow students and faculty to experience an education that better supports the needs of today's students.

Vancouver College remains committed to providing accessible Catholic-based education to all families through our strong Bursary Program. We sincerely encourage families who need help meeting tuition

costs to apply for assistance. Bursary information and application forms are available on the <u>school</u> <u>website</u> or from Kelly Lattimer, Director of Finance & Facilities, through a confidential process.

The Administration, faculty, and staff of Vancouver College are dedicated to helping each boy within our school community to be the best he can be. On behalf of my colleagues on the Board, thank you for your ongoing support of Vancouver College.

May God bless you and your families.

Semper Fidelis,

Susan Dvorak Chair, Board of Directors Vancouver College