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## Family Statement of Commitment

### Philosophy

“Motivated by a Christ-centered vision of humanity and human history, our school promotes the formation of the whole person. Such formation embraces not only intellectual, but also physical, emotional, moral and spiritual dimensions of human growth. Intellect, emotion, creative ability and cultural heritage have a place in the life of the school. Human knowledge and skills are recognized as precious in themselves, but find their deepest meaning in God’s plan for creation.”

*“Philosophy of Education for Catholic Schools in the Province of BC”* by Catholic Bishops of BC.

Partners (home, school, parish) in Catholic Education must work together to provide an environment where faith and learning go hand in hand, leading the young people to be the best they can be.

***I understand and support this philosophy.***

The following statements support the goals and philosophy of our Catholic school and need to be accepted and supported by all members of the community. Read them carefully. They ask you to make a commitment to the values and ideals of our school community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this commitment form, please bring them to the Principal, Pastor, or the Chairperson of the Education Committee who will gladly discuss them with you.

By returning the signed statement with your completed application, you accept the responsibility of this commitment.

1. Parents and guardians agree that they and their families will exhibit conduct consistent with Catholic denominational standards. The determination of whether any conduct contravenes these standards is the right of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese.
2. All students are required to participate in our religious education curricular and co-curricular programs including liturgical celebrations, retreats, prayer, etc.
3. Parents/Guardians are expected to support the Religious Education Program and participate in it as required.
4. Regular school attendance and full participation in all aspects of the academic program of the school are required of every student. Each student is expected to strive toward the development of his/her full academic potential.
5. Each family is expected to support and participate in the fund-raising activities of the parish/school. This means each family shares in the responsibility of educating our Catholic children.
6. Each student is expected to know and follow school policies on behaviour, and each parent/guardian is expected to review these policies with their own child.



7. Parents/Guardians are expected to support their student's education program. Parents/guardians agree to consult with that teacher, Principal or other school staff member with respect to the student's educational program as required.
8. Parents/Guardians are expected to attend at least one orientation session, which will focus on the philosophy and goals of our school.
9. Parents/Guardians agree to accept the responsibility for the cost of tuition, supplies and other school activities.
10. If applicable (see Schedule A below), each parent agrees to:
- a. Provide the school with complete and updated versions of any orders or agreements
    - i. Affecting, restricting or prohibiting a parent/guardian's ability to access the school or a student attending the school
    - ii. Impacting a parent/guardian's authority over decision making in relation to a student's education
    - iii. Ensure that any updates to these orders are given to the school as they occur
  - b. Minimize and void any disruption to the school associated with the implementation of those orders or agreements, and
  - c. Comply with the terms of any orders or agreements
11. If any of these conditions are not met the school reserves the right to: refuse admission, or remove the student from the school, or take any other appropriate action in the circumstances.

Parents are asked to sign two copies of this Family Statement of Commitment. One copy is for the family's records and the other is to be submitted with the application.

I/we have read and understand the above expectations and commitments and I/we hereby accept them as stated.

**Parent/Guardian**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Schedule A**

I \_\_\_\_\_, parent/ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that there is an order or agreement (check as appropriate):

- Affecting, restricting, or prohibiting a parent/ guardian's ability to access the school or a student attending the school
- Impacting a parent/ guardian's authority over decision making in relation to a student's education
- Other

Please provide details with respect to the order:

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I also confirm that:

- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all orders.
- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all applicable agreements.
- I (we) have provided the school with complete versions of all updates to these orders and agreements.
- I (we) have provided the school with any new updates to these orders and agreements as they are determined and to follow up with the documents as they are made available.
- I (we) agree to comply with the terms of any orders or agreements
- I (we) agree to minimize and avoid any disruption to the school associated with the implementation of those orders or agreements

**Parent/Guardian**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Reference:</b> CISVA Policy 411 Family Statement of Commitment – Annex A	<b>Approved:</b> St. Joseph's Parish Education Committee
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