



St. Catherine's Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

On behalf of the St. Joseph's Parish Education Committee (PEC), I would like to welcome new families to St. Catherine's and to thank you for choosing our school. I would also like to welcome back returning families and thank you for your continued support of the St. Catherine's school community.

Our Mission at St. Catherine's is to provide each student with an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic teaching, in partnership with home and parish, we foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.

The enriched community we share at St. Catherine's is fostered by the direct involvement of parents and families through the Parent Participation Program. Your interest in all areas of the school plays an important role in the development of your child. This includes sharing your talents and time in areas that may be removed from the educational process yet are integral to school operations as a whole. Parent participation also plays a fundamental role in ensuring that our operating costs are kept as low as possible. We appreciate your continued involvement and commitment to fulfilling your roles within the school community.

The PEC is sensitive to the costs of sending your child/ren to an independent school. St. Catherine's operates on a tight budget. The following page provides revenues and expenses charts, as well as some information on the tax receipt which significantly reduces the cost of tuition. It is important to know that over 80% of expenses relate to instructional expenses, including educational staff salaries and benefits, and classroom supplies.

St. Catherine's is blessed with a dedicated, experienced and talented staff and, in accordance with the compensation package mandated by the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) Board of Directors, they will receive a modest salary increase. As a result, tuition rates have increased to offset this increased expense. For 2023-2024, the Activity Fee remains unchanged at \$60 for primary students (Kindergarten to grade 3) and \$80 for intermediate students (grades 4-7).

We look forward to making new memories in the next school year and thank you for being part of our journey as we strive to make St. Catherine's the best it can be.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Kristy Daniels

Chair, St. Joseph's Parish Education Committee