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A message from our Superintendent

Our Catholic Schools provide students with a dynamic, relevant and faith-filled education in a safe, caring and Christ-like learning environment. At our Catholic Schools, you can expect:

A Strong Catholic Learning Community

Our dedicated staffs connect our students to community through acts of service and dynamic community events. Our staffs and students pray together and for one another. Parents have a very active role in our schools and contribute in many ways with their talents and their time. Multiple generations of families attend our Catholic schools for our tradition of academic excellence and spiritual formation. Our schools are strong Catholic Learning Communities.

Faith Formation

Our staffs pray together before school, then in their class with their students. Our teachers and pastors meet monthly to work and learn together. New Catholic resources support faith formation in our schools and parishes. http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/aicinfo

Staffs are role models in our faith and integrate the teachings of our faith throughout the day. Many school ceremonies and gatherings revolve around the liturgical calendar. Students in our Catholic Schools learn about the treasure and significance of the celebration of the Eucharist while participating in Mass regularly. Our priests visit the schools regularly, making connections with students and staff, often helping at school functions.

Learning and Innovation

We use technology and effective teaching practice to engage and support student learning. We have an iGeneration student video challenge that teaches students collaboration and problem solving skills, enabling students to be innovative and creative. Catholic schools have a proud tradition of providing a rich, vibrant learning experience in all areas: academic, spiritual, physical and social. Many of our schools have smart boards and interactive technology to support engaging, effective practice. Our students participate in extra-curricular teams such as volleyball, basketball, soccer and cross-country. We proudly offer strong fine arts programs that include band, choir, and speech arts in many schools. Our educators work together as a community of learners to support curious, selfregulated students who will be successful in the 21st century. http://cispg.ca/igeneration

If you would like to learn more about our Catholic Schools, please contact the school principals for a tour and visit our school links at www.cispg.ca or contact me anytime cis@cispg.ca or 250-964-5642.

I am proud to serve as the Superintendent of our 8 Catholic Schools - vibrant Catholic Learning Communities.

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Catholic independent schools focus on learning

At CISPG, we are excited to be implementing a "re-designed" curriculum that emphasizes a more flexible and dynamic education system, one that will engage our 21st century learners and better prepare them for an ever-changing world. BC's Education Plan is based on a simple vision: "Capable young people thriving in a rapidly changing world." But what will this look like?

- Learning taking place in the home, school, and community
- Strong foundational skills reading, writing, oral language, and numeracy
- Developing competencies such as critical

thinking and problem solving, collaboration and leadership, communication and digital literacy, personal and social responsibility, creativity and innovation, and global and cultural understanding.

The Prince George Diocese encompasses a large area that includes Prince Rupert (Annunciation School), Kitimat (St. Anthony's School), Terrace (Veritas School), Smithers (St. Joseph's School), Prince George (St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Schools) and Dawson Creek (Notre Dame School). Despite the distances, CISPG educators have met across the diocese with both Ministry and UNBC personnel to "launch" the new curriculum and examine the "big ideas" and "curricular competencies" essential to the various subject areas.

Throughout the year, teams of CISPG educators are invited to take part in Learning and Innovation inquiry projects that support the BC vision of quality teaching and learning. For example, a new way of "reporting" student learning is being explored in one of our schools. Here, student learning is communicated to parents via digital student portfolios. The program (Fresh Grade) captures student learning as it happens and tracks student progress in a secure digital environment. Our teachers are also working collaboratively to explore new ways of assessing student learning, promoting student metacognitive (thinking) skills, and weaving social-emotional learning into the daily curriculum.

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We are proud to be a community of learners supporting engaged, motivated students who will thrive in the 21st century!



Northern BC Catholic School Listings

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

3285 Cathedral Ave. Prince George, BC V2N 5R2 Principal: Donncha O'Callaghan Phone: 250-964-4362 Fax: 250-964-9465 Email: icsoffice@cispg.ca www.icschool.ca

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

1088 Gillett St. Prince George, BC V2M 2V3 Principal: Brent Arsenault Phone: 250-563-7502 Fax: 250-563-7818 Email: stmarys@cispg.ca www.stmaryspg.org

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Box 454, 4054 Broadway Ave. Smithers, BC VOJ 2N0 Principal: Rosemary McKenzie Phone: 250-847-9414 Fax: 250-847-9402 Email: stj@cispg.ca www.stjosephsschool.ca

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

925–104th Ave. Dawson Creek, BC V1G 2H8 Principal: Terri Haynal Phone: 250-782-4923 Fax: 250-782-4388 Email: notredame@cispg.ca www.notredameschool.ca

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL

627–5th Ave. West Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1V1 Principal: Laura Lowther Phone: 250-624-5873 Fax: 250-627-4486 Email: annunciation@cispg.ca www.annunciationpr.ca

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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VERITAS SCHOOL

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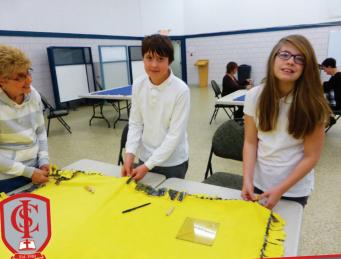


The IC leadership club collecting donations for the giving tree



Grade 6 and K buddies from IC make sandwiches for St. Vincent De Paul





St. Mary's Students and families collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul



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Twin Day: Students raising money for the Holy Childhood Association (third world countries)

Sacred Heart School makes brown bag lunches for St. Vincent de Paul





Sacred Hear

Sacred Heart School gets ready to sing in the Show Choir at Gateway Sacred Heart School helps move poinsettias for Christmas



St. Mary's School teamed up with the Prince George Cougars to promote walking to school at the start of the school year



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Immaculate Conception Catholic School On a Mission

At Immaculate Conception School you will find a culture of **faith based academic excellence** with a keen focus on individual learner support. This is a culture in which the school and its excellent staff **foster morals**, **values**, **and virtues** in each child based on a strong sense of Christianity.

A SCHOOL THAT SUPPORTS ALL LEARNERS

- Fully qualified teachers and support staff delivering the complete BC curriculum.
- Strong academic focus.
- Extensive support programs including learning assistance, counselling, small group instruction and specialist services.
- Excellent Music, Band, French, and Physical Education programs
- Wide range of extra-curricular options in Leadership, Red Cedar Book Club, Art Club, many different sports, intramurals, drama, choir, and yearbook.

A SCHOOL STRONG IN FAITH

- A vibrant Catholic community where your child will feel safe and welcome.
- We pray together in our Eucharistic celebrations and at our assemblies.
- A strong focus on values and virtues including empathy, responsibility, respect and citizenship.

A SCHOOL THAT SERVES OTHERS

- Support of many different community organizations.
- International projects in Uganda through NUDF –
- A strong student leadership program.
- A 'Healthy is Happy' team that promotes health and physical wellness for all.

A SCHOOL THAT LOVES COMMUNITY

- Great opportunities for parental involvement.
- An amazing Parent Support Group whose recent achievements include installing a **NEW GYM FLOOR**.
- An incredible healthy hot lunch program.
- After school care offered by the Family Y of Northern BC.

A SCHOOL WITH A VISION

- We continue to update our beautiful library that is packed with tons of great books to read and enjoy
- We continue to invest in incredible tech resources to support student learning including both apple and pc platforms, laptops, ipads, and smartboards
 We are ready to implement the new BC curriculum!
- we are ready to implement the new BC curriculum:

Families of all backgrounds are welcome at our school to experience a Catholic faith that is alive and where the spirit is strong. Immaculate Conception School is a mission driven school and **exciting things are always happening!!!!** The school is now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year and there are **spaces available** in most grades. For more information contact the school office at 250-964-4362 or check out our amazing website at www.icschool.ca.





St. Mary's Catholic School

At St. Mary's School students learn to welcome challenges and explore opportunities. A positive and supportive atmosphere is created through the cooperative work of students, teachers and parents. St. Mary's is a catholic community of dedicated educators who seek to develop: faith, respect, responsibility and community. Our school community provides a welcoming environment which encourages parent participation in the life of the school.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Kindergarten to Grade 7 staffed by fully qualified BC teachers.
- Students in grades 1-7 wear uniforms
- Specialist Teachers for Band, Music, PE, LA and French.
- Learning Assistance Team for students who require additional academic support
- 21st century technology integrated in daily learning (ipads, smartboards, fresh grade reporting)

FINE ARTS

- Music for grades K to Grade 4
- Band for Grades 5-7
- French for grades 1-7
- Speech Arts for Grades 3-7
- Choir for Grades 3-7

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Full Time Physical Education Teacher, 2.5 hours of PE/week/ class
- Extra-curricular basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross-country running, track and field, and relays.
- Intramural floor hockey and dodgeball.
- Participation in local tournaments and meets

PARENTS

• The Parent Support Group plays a big role in building the spirit in the school as well as help fundraise for the school community.



We put our Faith in Learning!

• Family Fun Nights, Fun Food Friday, movie nights, pancake breakfasts, walk-a-thon, Halloween dance and hosts an annual silent auction, dinner and dance.

RESPONSIBILITY

 The school promotes community, charity and volunteer work. Money is raised for children in developing countries through the Holy Childhood Association as well as local charities like St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.

Our school is now accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. Busing is also available in many areas. Call 250-563-7502 or check out our website at www.stmaryspg.org for more information.





Sacred Heart Catholic School

A Vibrant School with a Big Heart

At Sacred Heart School we form exceptional leaders using Jesus as our model. We believe in community. We strive to celebrate together as a growing learning community of believers. Our students enjoy and benefit from a warm, welcoming, Sacred Heart School family atmosphere. We take pride in our students' accomplishments and celebrate the gifts and talents of each other through nurturing the discovery and development of individual potential. Here are some of the exciting programs and activities that your child will experience at Sacred Heart School. Many of these activities are unique to our school as we are located close to many community facilities.

ACADEMIC

- Embracing the New Curriculum
- A well-rounded and challenging academic program
- Well-developed Learning Assistance Program
- Support for English Language Learners
- French in all grades beginning in Kindergarten
- Technology

SPORTS

- Winter sport activities: skating, and downhill
- Daily physical activity
- Swimming at the Four Seasons Pool
- Extracurricular programs in basketball, volleyball, soccer, and cross-country running

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- Assisting families in sacramental preparation
- Show Choir sings in the community
- Christmas concert
- Regular Eucharistic celebrations and Prayer Services
- St. Vincent de Paul brown bag lunches, dinner matts for St. Vincent dinners, fundraising for those in need in the community.
- Holy Childhood fundraising
- Community outreach to SPCA, Festival of Trees and Senior Homes

FINE ARTS

- A biennial school drama production involving all students in the school
- Two Rivers Art Gallery school membership and regular visits Attend Theatre performances at the Playhouse.
- Participation in the annual Speech Arts & Drama Festival of Prince George
- Singing performances throughout school year



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

- Eco-Active School status
- Recycling of paper, juice boxes, cans, bottles, cardboard and paper
- School garden
- Monthly visits from REAPS and participation in the vermicomposting program
- Salmon Hatching

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Annual food drives for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Festival of Trees supporters
- Annual Terry Fox Walk/Fundraiser for cancer research Facilitation of UNBC student teachers

FIELD TRIPS

- Within walking distance of many community facilities (Two Rivers Art Gallery, Public Library, Exploration Place Museum, Coliseum, Civic Centre, Fort George Park, Four Seasons Pool)
- Out of town year-end field trips may be to Barkerville, Huble
- Homestead, Fort St. James, Ancient Forest and Camp Morice

FAMILY AND SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

- Meet the Teacher Social Evening
- Celebrations for Hallowe'en, Christmas and St. Valentine's Day
- December Hot Turkey Lunch
- Family Movie Nights
- Gala fundraiser yearly.
- Panther School Spirit days
- Winter Olympics and Summer Olympics
- Feast Day BBQ

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care by Kool Cats is provided on church property

Kindergarten is filling up for 2016-2017 School year. Save your spot now by coming in for an interview with our Principal.



Field Trips

A visit to Mrs Mills' Garden

Students enjoy the assembly with Mrs. Cartmell as a 'superstar'

IC Students enjoy climbing Mt Pope





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Students head to the Festival of Trees

Grade 5 trip to Barkerville





Our choir singing at the Festival of Trees

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Extra Curricular Activities



Sacred Panthers run with pride at a X-country



Exciting action at the IC intramurals

Our students running in the Terry Fox Run



Sacred Heart Panthers get ready to raise money in the Terry Fox walk.





The great IC choir singing at the Festival of Trees



Our grade 7's playing the last post at our Remembrance Day Ceremony

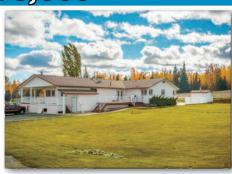
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IC cheering their teammates on at the Terry Wilson Cup





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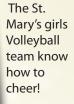
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Why Do We Choose Catholic Schools?

Imnmaculate Conception



Mr. Donncha O'Callaghan Principal "I enjoy working in our system because it is a loving and caring faith community."



Ms. Ames *Teacher* "I like working in a collaborative team environment."

Mrs. Kruger Teacher "I appreciate being able to teach our Christian values through all we do."

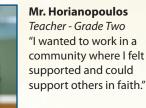


Mrs. Schenk Teacher "We have great kids at our school and it is great to

school and it is great to see teachers and parents working together, there is a wonderful sense of community."

Sacred Heart

Ms. Rebecca Gilbert Principal "Our Catholic School is a vibrant learning community where we can share the core of who we are as faith filled people"



Mrs. Cartmell Teacher - Grade One "Our school is more than a learning and growing environment, it's a family"

St. Mary's

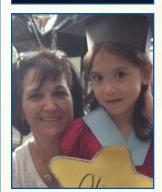


Mr. Brent Arsenault Principal "I love being part of a faith filled caring community of learners."



Ms. Gillian Roberts Teacher "I really like the community feel, and supportive team atmosphere."

Ms. Patti Garden



Teacher "I love teaching in our Catholic schools as it provides a wonderful opportunity to put our faith and values into action. It is a pleasure working in a warm and collaborative learning environment, whether it is with parents, colleagues or support staff."

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"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love." - Pope Francis