



# VANCOUVER COLLEGE

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*From the Office of the President*

The 2015-2016 school year is rapidly coming to a close, and it is time to look back at so many successes throughout the year. Academically, we continue to see excellent results as our graduates receive acceptances and scholarships from various universities. Athletically, we celebrate provincial championships in Grade 8 football, JV lacrosse, track & field and a National gold medal in rowing. Artistically, we saw the wonderful success of our drama production, *You Can't Take it With You*, our first-ever arts week which featured one act plays, displays of visual art, and performances by our bands and choir, and the quality music of our bands and wind ensemble with several gold medals at music festivals.

The faculty and staff deserve immense credit for the successes at Vancouver College. The dedication of individual teachers, both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities, is a blessing to our students. We thank them for the quality of their work and their commitment to our faith and learning community. Of course, I must also thank our Principal, Johnny Bevacqua, and our Assistant Principals, Barbara Seppelt, Rob Kozikowski, and Enzo Nardi, for their leadership, direction, and support of our faculty.

Thanks also go to you, our VC parents, who support our school in so many ways, including financially. The Vancouver College Parents' Association organized tremendously successful events throughout the year aimed at creating a welcoming community for all parents and families. We are grateful for all the VCPA's work and support for our boys.

Our campus renewal project continues to progress very well:

- September 2015, the Campus Master Plan was approved by the Board of Directors and detailed design work began.
- January 2016, Acton Ostry Architects consulted with faculty as a follow up to the educational visioning work done in the spring of 2015.
- March 2016, two community town halls were held and input received led to changes in the site plan (eg. expanding the play space for younger students and eliminating parking off Cartier Street). Additionally, we challenged the architects to find a way to retain more of the heritage elements of the old buildings that has now been done in the design of the exteriors.
- Pre-application consultations with the City of Vancouver planners began in January and the formal application for our Development Permit was filed on June 2.

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I encourage you to visit our [campus redevelopment webpage](#) to learn more about the process, timeline, and to view the latest campus design plans.

We are still on track to start construction early in 2017, pending the City's approval process and the success of our capital fundraising campaign, Our Next Century. The Campaign will fund the opportunity to revitalize our school to provide leading edge educational facilities for our next century. The formal launch of the Campaign will be held on October 5th, an event to which the entire school community will be invited. Please save this date. We invite our parents, alumni, and friends to join us as we look forward to the transformation of our Vancouver College campus.

On behalf of Vancouver College, I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Semper Fidelis,

John H. Nixon (VC'69)  
President  
Vancouver College