

Welcome to our 2022 Fall Campaign



As our Fall Campaign is about to begin, we can look back on how far we have come.

Our beautiful school is now fully double-streamed for all grades.

While we keep our focus on the third and final phase of the school building project, we remain grateful for the families and individuals, from both the school and parish, who have contributed so much to bring us to where we are today.

Our school community has been fortunate to have experienced close to 100% participation in the Fall Campaign, year over year. It is important to remember that we are also paying it forward for the families of students to come.

We will miss Father Andrzej as he moves on to his new adventures in Ottawa and we are so grateful for his support of our school and parish over the past 8 years.

Lisa Hermanson,
Chair of the Fall Campaign



At the start of School mass, October 2022

Lives of Faith and Foundation: Our roots, our community, our future

One hundred and eleven years ago, the *Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate* took up the challenge to build a new school, and their goal was enthusiastically embraced by the diverse community living in the heart of Kitsilano at that time. Together with the *Sisters of St. Ann*, they formed a strong foundation of leadership and vision for Catholic education here at St. Augustine's. Two buildings later, we are recipients of their bold determination and courage.

Thousands of young people have passed through our doors, and their lives continue to be impacted by examples of living faith. School staff, leaders, and parishioners have embedded a culture of educational excellence and a deep spirit of service within the young people St. Augustine School and their families. God's grace and our 'little' school impacted one such student in a special way in recent weeks.

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CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$500,000

RAISED TO DATE
\$291,000

Donations accepted until Dec. 31, 2022

Fall Campaign 2022 Key Dates

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| Week 1: | October 27 | Donor Appreciation Evening |
| | October 29/30 | Fall Campaign launch, including video |
| Week 2: | November 5/6 | Parent Testimonials; School choirs at 9am & 11am masses; School tours after masses |
| Week 3: | November 12/13 | Parent / Supporter Testimonials
School tours after masses |

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Surrounded by his family and longstanding friends from the parish communities of St. George's Church, St. Augustine's and Our Lady of Fatima (Portuguese), *Christian Vela* was ordained as priest into the Greek Orthodox faith in September 2022.

Christian was born the first child of a Portuguese father and a Greek Orthodox mother, and with his brother *Michael*, attended St. Augustine school throughout his elementary school years. Christian's parents have a deep respect for education and following high school years at Vancouver College and graduation from the University of British Columbia, Christian married and set his vocation on ministry within the Greek Orthodox faith.

We thank God for the many blessings that are part of every young person's life that passes through our doors, and we celebrate with the Vela family in thanksgiving for the life and work that stands before Father Christian.

We're also reminded that faith is our deepest root as it leads us into community and the foundation of our future.

How do I make a gift to the Campaign?

Faith & Foundation welcomes gifts in the form of pledges, outright financial gifts and gifts of stock/securities or gifts that are the result of a bequest.

You may donate by cheque, credit card or direct debit.

You may also donate online:

<https://my.charitableimpact.com/send/to/group/-faith-and-foundation-st-augustine-school>

You may complete a pledge form at the parish or school office or donate by phone **604-736-4455 (Extension 231)**

Please contact us at the same number or send us an email at donate@faithandfoundation.com if you have any questions.

Thank you from the Faith and Foundation team.

St. Augustine's Fully Enrolled School

This fall 426 children walked through our doors on first day of school

Following 22 years of dreaming of a new school, developing fund-raising plans, creating strong leadership teams, and inviting others to join the vision, 2022 is a milestone year for St. Augustine School.

In the Fall of 2015, the very first double-streamed kindergarten class entered our brand-new school, and this year, 2022, that initial group of 42 Kindy students are now 51 young people in our first ever double-streamed Grade 7. In those intervening years, the school has experienced an expanding student population, new staff, and welcomed many new families.

Congratulations to everyone: the school leadership teams, staff members, parents and donors, fellow parishioners, and like-minded people who believe in Catholic Education and participate by offering their time, talent and treasure to our community. Because of you, we're able to offer more families than ever the opportunity be part of a faith-based school and community.



2022 Grade 7 and Kindergarten students

The Gift of Shared Talent and Generosity

When Brian and Sonja Moylan enrolled their son, Finlay, in kindergarten in 2004, they ‘jumped right in’ and began what has turned out to be eighteen years of unwavering support for Faith and Foundation’s goal to rebuild our school.

As a member of the leadership team all these years, Brian has been the creative inspiration for our story through the production of our campaign videos. He was also the driving force behind the rebranding of our campaign from Project Jubilee to Faith and Foundation. Brian’s ability to capture the spirit of each successive year’s campaign has been an amazing gift to our Parish and School.

Quietly behind the scenes, Sonja has been our campaign newsletter publisher for many years now. She puts aside considerable time before each publication to use her graphic design talents to create stunning newsletters that we can proudly distribute to parents, parishioners, and interested new families. She is very patient with the Faith and Foundation team when we provide her with all our ideas and raw material, and we leave it to her to pull it all together into a finished product.

Getting us to the next step, to have all that will be needed to complete Phase 3 will be accomplished through prayer, financial generosity and committed people like the Moylan’s.



Sonja and Brian Moylan



Father Andrzej Stendzina, OMI – Our Pastor

St. Augustine’s Parish and School have been blessed these past eight years with Father Andrew as our Pastor.

Coming to us in the final two years of our building our new school, Father’s willingness to join us during such a challenging time is a testimony to his spirit of hope, and his loyalty to the Oblate leadership.

Over the course of these years, Father’s quiet presence has blessed our Parish’s ministries, the largest of which is our School community. He embraced the myriad of challenges that covid posed, brought technological improvements to the Church, and worked in collaboration with the Parish Education Committee to ensure that our Parish School flourish.

During his tenure, we made significant strides by completing the first two phases of our school, eliminating our parish debt on the school construction loan and building up our resources for the last phase. And, of course, we doubled our enrolment.

Father treasured his role as Sacramental leader: whether it was providing baptismal support for families, being the celebrant at parish and School masses, seeking lay leadership for the many ministries in the Parish or cooking for various groups in the Parish, Father was unselfish and eager to be of service.

We wish Father an abundance of God’s blessings as he assumes a new administrative role as the second Vicar to the Oblate Provincial in Ottawa.



Strengthening School and Parish

When we embarked on this challenge of rebuilding our school in 2000, we realized that community building was going to be the first order of business as the foundation of our capital campaign. While the school can be seen as its own distinct community, it's part of a larger parish family which has made Catholic education a primary part of its mission.

We've been fortunate over the past 20 years through our school community of parents, staff and students that many and varied connections have been formed and sustained with the broader parish. They include:

- Keeping one another in our prayers and circle of friendships
- Assuming leadership in various Parish ministries, councils and committees
- Volunteering as part of the Parent Participation program to assist the Parish with its seasonal needs for the grounds/safety of the property throughout the fall & winter
- Participating in Seniors' lunches, hosted at the Parish Centre with our Grade 7 students
- Supporting the Prayer Partnership program between the Grade 7's and seniors
- Joining in prayer ministries
- Collaborating and supporting annual fundraising initiatives
- Remaining faithful to financial commitments and committees long after a student graduates
- Inviting others into participation and leadership
- Engaging in broader community events and issues that impact our Parish and School

Such longstanding commitments have enriched all aspects of our School and Parish life. Thank you to everyone for your examples of an active, joyful and generous faith.



Getting to Phase Three

What will it take to complete the last phase of our school building project? It's a fair question.

Like the first two building phases of the school, the decisions and planning for Phase 3 are complex, and more so now given the Arbutus Subway Project and other densification expected in the immediate area.

The project will require the time and leadership of our new Pastor, *Father Ignacy Warias*, the Parish Finance Council, and approval from the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The Archdiocese oversees, manages, and coordinates the development and execution of all major building construction and renovation projects, including St. Augustine school.

Before the Archdiocese approves Phase 3, the Archdiocese requires our Parish Finance Council to confirm:

1. 50 % of the project costs will be raised and deposited in the Chancery account at the start of construction; and
2. The parish has the financial capacity to cover the remaining loan principal and interest payments over the defined amortization period.

In the ensuing months, we will continue to stay the course of our fundraising efforts as we continue our mission to complete the new school. We are optimistic that we will have the capacity to raise sufficient funds as our track record has demonstrated.





Preparing to Launch into the World!



A child's life in a school community begins as a Kindy student and concludes as a graduate eight years later. In the interim, they grow, learn, are challenged, experience much joy and delight, and sometimes experience losses and hurts.



Through it all, there is a community comprised of pastors, of parents, teachers and staff and their classmates who share in the story that is ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIFE.



St. Augustine's Parish is abundantly blessed by all these individuals living, learning and growing together.



We sincerely invite all who share our School and Parish story to remain dedicated to the early vision of the Oblate Fathers and the Sisters of St. Ann.



Please continue to be generous with your time, talent and treasure. Our children watch and learn a great deal from those people closest to them: their families, their broader communities and within our Church. As Father John Brioux, OMI would have said: "Our children are our most precious gift. Treasure them!"



2021 Financial Report

This Financial Report provides donors to St. Augustine's Faith and Foundation Campaign with a full record of our gifts and pledges, other income and costs incurred during 2021.

We thank all our donors for their faithful support over the past 22 years as we now prepare for the last phase of our new school building project. Our combined fundraising efforts during 2021 yielded \$1,392,400.

The start of our Campaign

St. Augustine's campaign to build a new school commenced in 1999 when then-Pastor Father John Brioux, OMI assembled a group of parish leaders to study the needs of our aging elementary school. This review included an engineering feasibility study that found that it would be more cost-effective to replace the school than repair or renovate the existing structure. A fundraising campaign was launched in 2000 which continues to this day.

Management of funds and discussion

Building Funds are held in reserve in a Chancery Deposit Account with the Archdiocesan for the sole purpose of completing the St. Augustine school building project.

Role of the Provincial Government and Archdiocese in funding a new school

The Provincial Government funds operating expenses for independent schools like ours equivalent to 50% of the cost to educate a child in the public school system, with the remainder financed through school tuition, and fundraising. Provincial funding is not available for capital costs, such as the school construction costs.

Campaign administration costs

In 2021, we spent \$55,000 to run the Campaign, from funds that were allocated through our annual Pass the Torch event. Our administration costs represent approximately 4 percent of total donations and is considered very low compared to other philanthropic organizations in Canada.

We are fortunate to have so many people who have volunteered countless hours of their time to the Campaign. There are some activities that require paid part-time support to undertake the administration require to process, track and manage donations. There are also bank charges, mailing, printing, equipment and general office costs.

Campaign financial accountability

The Faith and Foundation Campaign is accountable to the Pastor, finance committee and the parish pastoral council.

There are many checks and balances in our donation management system between the Campaign, Parish and Archdiocese. Donations are receipted and accounted for according to Canada Revenue Agency requirements. All donor information is held in strict confidence with access limited to the very few people required to manage this work.

We maintain the accuracy of our records by ensuring the health of our pledge commitments. The Campaign has a policy

of identifying on an annual basis those pledges that will not be collected. For 2021, our review indicates that pledges totalling \$1100 will not be collected. We understand that personal circumstances can change and are grateful to all individuals for the donations they were able to contribute to the Campaign.

Thank you to our donors

We continue to be blessed by broad support from all parts of our community.

Our school families have demonstrated exceptionally high participation rates in our annual fundraising efforts - reaching almost 100% over the past five years.

At the same time, our parishioners who do not have children or children in the school have been equally generous. Donations in the form of bequests in the past number of years have allowed us to retire the parish debt on the school building much sooner than planned.

Since 2000, over 1338 donors have shown their commitment to our Parish and its school through their donations of over \$13.5 million. Our Parish is blessed by everyone from children who requested donations to the Campaign in lieu of birthday gifts, to seniors who have been donating faithfully each year, to parents who make the sacrifice to contribute significant annual gifts.

This collaboration has enabled the growth of our building fund which today stands at about \$1.5 million and continues to grow for the day when the parish will commence efforts to complete the last phase of the school project.

Financial Report January - December 2021

The following summarizes the parish's school construction-related fundraising activities and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
New School Construction		
Outstanding loan amount as of Dec. 31 ^{st(1)}	\$0	\$1,100,000
Amount reserved for Phase 3 construction as of December 31 st	\$870,000	

Faith and Foundation Statement of Fundraising and Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31st

	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
Fundraising		
Annual fundraising	\$ 747,900	\$ 810,800
PTT event	154,300	0
Loan Interest Rebate	3,000	11,600
Total Fundraising	\$822,400	\$822,400

Expenditures

Loan interest	14,200	46,300
Administration ⁽²⁾	55,100	56,800
PTT expense	13,900	4,750
Total Expenditures	83,200	107,800
Surplus Before Other Items	\$822,000	\$714,600

Other Expenditure Items

Bequest	570,000	1,250,000
Loan Repayment	(1,087,500)	(1,600,000)
Capital Expenditure ⁽³⁾		(5,900)
Surplus of Fundraising over Expenditures	\$304,500	\$358,700

(1) The outstanding school construction loan was repaid in full in 2021. The total \$4.0 million loan was repaid over four years.

(2) Includes office expenses, bank charges and salaries for two part-time staff who are responsible for managing the donor database and supporting Faith and Foundation.

(3) Traffic study (2020).



From Our Principal



It's been a fantastic start to a new school year! What a wonderful first couple of months of school!

I hope you share the same sentiment with me as we find ourselves well into autumn. This has been an exceptional start, with our school enrolment at 426 students, a record high, and the first year that we are truly double-streamed (ie. two classes per grade level).

We have seen a return to "normal" at school with parents and friends coming back onto campus for events that we have not had in three years, such as in-person Meet-the-Teacher and our Back-to-School BBQ in September. In October, also after a three-year hiatus, we held our school Walkathon, which brought together over 600 students, staff, and parents for an amazing community celebration. It is simply wonderful to welcome everyone back into the school.

In this month of Thanksgiving, which is also the Month of the Rosary, there truly is so much for which to be grateful! We are surrounded daily by blessings in our lives, not only in our homes but also in the common home we share at school and in our parish. Let us pray for those less privileged and be examples of Christian gratitude, service, and love and a source of joy for others, all of which make up who we are as members of the St. Augustine family. We are blessed to have 48 staff members this year, among the most respected teachers, education assistants, and support staff in the CISVA. We are grateful for the staff's continued dedication and undying commitment to the community, Catholic education, and the children in their care!

A special thank you and farewell to Father Andrew. It has been an honour and privilege to have worked with you and to have had you as our pastor. You will be sorely missed, and we wish you all the blessings of Christ in your new position in Ottawa. We are forever grateful for the support, care, wisdom, and love you shared with all of us.

To Father Andrew, our friends at the parish, all the students, parents, teachers, and staff, thank you, as always, for your undying support and commitment! I am truly grateful for all that you do for our community!

God Bless,

Michael Yaptinchay

THANK YOU

2000 - 2022

Total Donations and Pledges*: **\$13,564,021**

Pledges Outstanding: **\$ 209,227**

Total Donors: **1338**

Total Gifts: **5547**

*Faith and Foundation funds are held in a separate Parish/Archdiocesan account strictly for the purpose of completing the new school at St. Augustine's.

A Few Words From Our Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Augustine:



As we enter the fall season at St. Augustine's School, I wish to extend a warm "welcome back" to all our hard-working and supportive students, teachers,

parents, staff and volunteers.

We rely on the experience and wisdom of those of you with years of service to the Faith & Foundation community. We rejoice in the enthusiasm and energy of the parents and teachers joining us for the first time. Each one of you is a treasured gift, a vital link in passing the torch to future families looking forward to Catholic education. It is the vision of past, present and future parents, teachers and parishioners such as yourself that leads us to celebrate, in 2022, the completion of a fully enrolled school – doubled from a few short years ago.

As I leave you this month, I am confident that St. Augustine's School will outlast many such tenures and will continue to uplift and inspire countless generations of Catholic youth, treasuring the past while launching forward into the future. None of us can remain static and live fully in faith; our school is no different. I look forward to visiting you all again soon and, God willing, often.

Keep up the good work and know that, with prayer, all things are possible.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
Pastor