



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PLAN

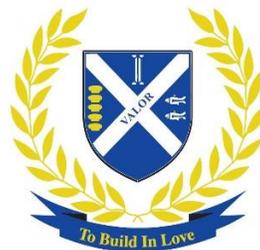
strong foundations for a bright future



NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE FROM MCKENZIE AVENUE, CHAPEL ABOVE.

St. Andrew's Regional High School

Project Update | March 2019



Project Update | Catholic Schools Plan

The Catholic Schools Plan (CPS), first developed in 2009, determined priorities through a comprehensive review of the Catholic schools in the Greater Victoria area. The goals of the CSP focused on safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable Catholic schools and the original plan continues to guide school building projects today. The Plan has been implemented by the Diocesan Oversight Committee, Diocesan Finance Building Commission, School Board of Directors, and representatives of local school communities. Community engagement through student, staff and parent open houses was an extremely valuable part of the process. The countless hours provided by numerous people are immeasurable and greatly appreciated. We are delighted to acknowledge and celebrate some milestones as we look to the final phase of the CSP – the renewal of St. Andrew’s Regional High School.

The Catholic Schools Plan is a \$20 million plan and has successfully progressed through two of the three phases. Seismic upgrades and an addition have been accomplished at St. Joseph’s Elementary School and a seismic upgrade to the existing structure at St. Patrick’s Elementary School has been completed.

Due to the provincial funding structure, independent schools in the province of British Columbia must rise to funding challenges through school, parish and community efforts. Funding for independent school differs significantly from public school funding, as independent schools only receive 50% operational funding and no capital funding for such items as land, buildings, furniture or equipment. In most cases, tuition, fundraising and community support are key resources in acquiring the funding needed.

The completed phases to the Catholic Schools Plan have been made possible through: the sale of St. Andrew’s Elementary School, fiscally responsible operating budgets which include a portion for capital building expenditures, the Diocesan Appeal, and the generosity of donors.



ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COMPLETED IN 2014



ST. PATRICK'S'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COMPLETED IN 2016

Project Update | St. Andrew's Regional High School



The focus now turns to St. Andrew's Regional High School for the final phase of the Catholic Schools Plan. The plans for St. Andrew's consist of addressing seismic safety to the existing two-storey administration/classroom building as well as the gymnasium. There has been an urgent need to replace the single-storey structure and multiple portables with a new classroom wing. All phases have been planned to allow minimal disruption to school programming.

- ✓ Seismic upgrades
- ✓ New classroom wing to replace the 1968 classroom wing and portables
- ✓ Demolition of original 1968 classroom wing



Once the above is completed and in order to bring the CSP to completion, the final stage of the renewal will be the addition of a new Fine Arts Wing and an improved Sports Field.

Project Update | St. Andrew's Regional High School



Planning of the building renewal and seismic upgrades began in 2017. In order to minimize time, cost and disruption, the seismic upgrades are being completed in sections, coinciding with the building of the new wing. Upgrades to the two-storey structure will be completed by the end of the 2019 summer except for the administration area, chapel and entrance; these will be started this summer and completed by January 2020. Construction of the new wing began in April 2018 and will be completed this summer. The new wing will be ready to welcome students for the start of the 2019-2020 school year!

Excitement fills the air with structure changes that grow daily! Students will benefit from the many improvements and addition once the new classroom wing and upgrades to the existing building have been completed. We are glad to report that the project continues to be on time and on budget.



Over the summer of 2019, the old wing will be demolished, with the final details settled by end of December 2019.

Project Update | Main Floor Highlights

Students will begin to experience the difference in their daily lives at St. Andrew's starting September 2019. Food Studies will be a new course available to students. International students will have a space dedicated to the sharing and exchange of culture. The new art room will better support the creative initiatives from our students. Main floor highlights include:

- Multipurpose gathering space including a food service area
- Designated space for international students
- Foods Studies Lab with 6 kitchen stations
- Large new Art Room
- New Staff Room
- One standard classroom
- Updated administration area and main entrance
- Seismic upgrades to existing two-story building



ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - Additions and Seismic Upgrade 2017
 MAIN FLOOR PLAN

June 14, 2017 0 5 10 20m



Project Update | New Wing Rendering



INTERIOR VIEW - MULTI-PURPOSE / CAFETERIA ~ NORTH TO ART ROOM.



ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Additions and Seismic Upgrade 2017

~ Classroom Block Perspective ~
June 14, 2017



Project Update | 2nd Floor and Other Highlights

Highlights for the second floor of the new wing and the outdoor space include:

- A Chapel to provide a sacred space promoting growth of the Catholic faith in students & staff
- 8 new classrooms
- Reconfigured parking
- Basketball Court
- Lots of natural light
- Green space by new entrance including an outdoor gathering space
- New Landscaping



Project Update | In Gratitude

Since 1983, thousands of students from Victoria, surrounding areas, and from around the world have attended St. Andrew's Regional High School. St. Andrew's strives to prepare students in becoming participants in a lifestyle characterized by commitment to God, neighbor and self. The new facility brings St. Andrew's further in the delivery of excellence in education of the whole person to guide and gain experience, knowledge, skills and values necessary to respond to life challenges with faith, hope, and love.

The completed stages of the Catholic Schools Plan have been possible through the various means (the sale of St. Andrew's Elementary School, fiscally responsible operating budgets which include a portion for capital building expenditures, the Diocesan Appeal, and the generosity of donors). The project and resulting benefits to the students and community at St. Andrew's would not be possible without the generosity of community members.

The Sisters of St. Ann are leaders in our community. For the past 160 years, the Sisters have led, guided and supported Catholic education and health care advocacy. Their spiritual and social leadership as well as love and commitment for people have shaped education and health care in the region. We are grateful for their lasting impact in Victoria and their ongoing commitment to Catholic education in the diocese. The Catholic Schools Plan (CSP) has received an incredibly generous \$2.5 million donation from the Sisters of St. Ann. In earlier stages of the CSP, the Sisters provided a \$4 million loan to Island Catholic Schools towards the renewal and upgrades for the CSP. In 2018, the Sisters reviewed the loan with Island Catholic Schools and forgave \$2.5 million of that loan. Island Catholic Schools would like to express extreme gratitude and thanks to the Sisters of St. Ann for this most generous donation. This donation will be directed towards supporting the financing of the current building renewal. We are honoured the Sisters of St. Ann have entrusted their legacy in our vision with the Catholic Schools Plan - *Strong Foundations for a Bright Future.*



Project Update | Next Steps

Once the new classroom wing and all seismic upgrades have been completed, we can move into the last stages of the Catholic Schools Plan (CSP). These final stages are exciting as it will bring a vision to fruition in the CSP. The vision remains focused on providing safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable Catholic education for generations to come. These final stages address the urgent need for the development of a Fine Arts Wing to replace the current portables that house the drama and music programs as well as a Sports Field upgrade to better support our outdoor athletic programs.



St. Andrew's Annual Coffee House 2018

Students perform and delight the audience while they share their talent and efforts featuring the St. Andrew's Singers Choir, Concert and Jazz Bands which include many talented solo artists.



Students during physical education class

The field is extremely wet during the winter and this determines the availability of the field for students and classes; improvements to the field would aim to address these.

Project Update | Next Steps

In 2009, the initial estimate for the entire Catholic Schools Plan was \$20 million. Given the rising costs in a vibrant construction industry, the final stages of the CSP will be possible only if additional funds can be raised. The current building estimate for the Fine Arts Wing and the upgrade to the field is estimated to cost \$4-5 million.

In order to complete these final stages of the Fine Arts Wing and Sports Field, a development officer has been hired. We welcome Gloria Guevara to this position. She is tasked with building a team of committed people to raise \$4-5 million in order that the 2 final stages can be completed. If you are interested in helping out on a fundraising committee whether a little or a lot, please contact Gloria at gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca. The sooner funds are confirmed, the sooner the final stages of the project can begin. We ask that you rise to the challenge for the long-term benefit of the students and community!

