



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Students, Parents & Guardians of Legacy High School,

I write to you today filled with great anticipation and excitement, as we continue working together to build Legacy High School. I am truly honoured and privileged to be the first principal of our new Catholic high school in the community. Having previously opened a new school, Christ the King in 2010, I am blessed to be given a second opportunity to experience this gift.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am a native Calgarian who attended Calgary Catholic schools from K-12, graduating from Bishop Grandin High School. After high school, I travelled across the country to attend St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. Upon my return in 1993, I began working with the Calgary Catholic School District. I have been very fortunate over the past 20 years to have had so many wonderful experiences in schools across the city. I have been a principal in the district for the past ten years, the last two years at St. Gabriel the Archangel Junior/ Senior High School in Chestermere. My wife Donna and I have two amazing children, a daughter in Grade 11 and a son in Grade 7, both attending Calgary Catholic schools.

Moving forward, I will use the new Legacy High School *Philosophical Framework* which was developed several years ago with parents, students, school administrators, district personnel and community representation, as the touchstone document that will guide our school development. I firmly believe in the importance of a collaborative process with the students at the center of all of our discussions. I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders; including students, parents, teachers, school council, the parish and educational partners. Together, we will develop a mission and vision where all students have opportunities to succeed. Our students will have a champion supporting, nurturing, guiding and encouraging them through their faith and educational journeys. Developing engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with an entrepreneurial spirit will aid us in ensuring high levels of achievement through quality teaching.

For the duration of the 2016 - 2017 school year, I will continue as principal of St. Gabriel the Archangel School. In August, I will begin planning and preparing for the opening of our school in the fall of 2018. Please continue to check for all updates at: <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/School/FutureSchools/LegacyHighSchool/Pages/default.aspx> until we create our school website. I invite you to be an active participant in naming our school by participating in voting at parishes in May. If you have any questions, please contact me at mike.bolder@cssd.ab.ca and I will be happy to respond.

I sign off today with a thought for you to consider - opening a new school is most importantly about the people. I look forward to working with the students, staff, parents and our parishes and I hope each of you will be willing to share your gifts and talents as we build our school community, ***IN CREATING A LEGACY... FOR LEGACY.***

God Bless,

Mike Bolder,
Principal, Legacy High School