



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents of the New Cranston School,

It is my pleasure to be writing this letter as the proud, newly appointed principal of the Cranston Catholic elementary school where your children will be attending in the 2016-2017 school year.

To start the process of getting to know each other better, allow me to introduce myself. As a previous district letter stated, my name is Marni Harrigan and I am currently the principal at Madeleine d'Houet School in NW Calgary. During my eleven years serving as principal in our district, I have worked in both elementary and junior high schools, as well as spending several years in a specialized school setting, serving students with learning disabilities. In addition, I was privileged to have been on the administrative team for the opening of a new school in 2003 and I have been keen to take on this creative challenge once again.

In my personal life, together with my husband we are raising young adults. I value physical fitness, enjoy golfing, reading, cooking and spending time with friends and family. Whenever I have the chance, I also enjoy traveling, especially when golf is involved.

What a blessing to be a part of building and creating a faith-filled school community alongside a new group of staff members, supportive parents and excited students. We are so fortunate to be able to vision and construct the identity of our school and write the first chapter in the story of the Cranston Catholic elementary school.

As we move forward in the process, I am excited that we will soon have a name for our school. This decision will be pivotal in many of the next steps in creating our school's identity. In the near future, we will invite you to a general meeting to start the process of visioning for our school. This will include the establishment of a school council which will serve as an advisory group for many upcoming decisions.

In the next few months and moving into the summer, please look for communications as they are sent home. Please continue to check for updates at <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/cranston/> until we are able to create our own website. Building relationships and open communication are of the utmost importance to me. As such, I look forward to meeting you and getting to know each of your families in the near future.

Should you have any questions or comments, I invite you to contact me at marni.harrigan@cssd.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Marni Harrigan