



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Students, Parents & Guardians,

As many of you already know, it is with tremendous excitement to announce that I have been appointed principal of the new Auburn Bay School! I look forward to soon meeting each student and community member, as we have some exciting work to be done.

Allow me to briefly introduce myself. I have been an administrator in Calgary Catholic for the past 15 years serving students from Kindergarten to Junior high. During the past 6 years, it has been an honour to have been the principal of St. Matthew School serving community students, special education students and Junior High French Immersion students from the SE quadrant of our city. I have two boys in Calgary Catholic schools in Grade 8 & 10 and my wife is the Diverse Learning teacher at Christ the King School.

I am thrilled with the recent appointment as the principal of this new Auburn Bay school. My goal is to first and foremost begin **building relationships** with each of you as it will take an active and caring community to build this great school we have all been dreaming of. Yes that includes me too! I dared to dream of opening this school as I attended the sod turning and ground blessing in October 2014.

I believe God places you where you need to be and so I feel privileged to have been given an opportunity to open a new school with each of you. My hopes and goal is to collaboratively help build the ***safest, most caring Catholic and student centered environment where academic excellence thrives in an inclusive school community.*** This must begin with trusting and authentic relationships as we know it will take a "village" to build this school today and tomorrow.

I am passionate about what I do and I am relishing the opportunity to open our school by working side by side with students, staff, parents, district personnel and the parish. As I am already an active member of the St. Albert the Great Parish, I believe this will assist me in establishing the kind of relationship required to build a faith based school.

I have already started working with our District area superintendent and team on construction and other new school logistics. We look forward to soon finding out our school name which will drive the vision of our school. In the near future, we will invite you to a general meeting to provide you some updates and to establish a school council which will serve as an advisory for many upcoming decisions.

For now, I will continue to serve the St. Matthew school community until April 4th and then will be moving to Don Bosco with an Administrative Assistant soon to be hired. Please continue to check for updates at <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/auburn-bay/> until we are able to create our own website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at marc.pilon@cssd.ab.ca as I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

Sincerely & God Bless,
Mr. Pilon, Proud Principal