

Prince of Peace School Parents and Guardians,

I would like to start by sending thoughts and prayers on behalf of school council to the entire Grattan Family following the tragic passing of Clint Grattan, husband of Patricia Grattan, this past week. Patricia currently serves as Parish Liaison on our school council and has been a passionate supporter sacramental preparation and faith development for the students at Prince of Peace.

My name is Mustang Randall and I have the privilege of serving you as Prince of Peace School Council Chair this year. I'd like to welcome Jen Kelly as our new Vice-Chair and want to extend a special thanks to Melissa Neville for her leadership as the Past Chair and for continuing to serve on the council as Secretary this year. I would also like to thank our departing executive members Loni Rikihana, Jennifer Smith and Christy Thorsten for their leadership and dedication to our school council. Lastly, I would like to recognize the tremendous contributions of our committee members, coordinators and liaisons. They along with numerous volunteers, have stepped up (and continue to do so) time and again, to help bring our school community to life through special events, teach appreciation nights, fundraisers, hot lunches and so much more. Thank you to all of you.

My wife Katrina and I have 3 children attending Prince of Peace this year - Quinn (Grade 1), Jacob (Grade 4) and Connor (Grade 9) who recently joined our family from South Korea. We feel blessed to have been part of this vibrant and caring community since the very beginning. This school community has come so far in such a short time. We have amazing and passionate teachers and support staff, incredible young leaders, strong academic and athletic programs, a beautiful new playground, and most importantly a caring, welcoming and faith-filled environment for our children to thrive.

We also have some challenges ahead. Our community has worked so hard over the past few years to help design, fund and build a playground for our children. I believe it is fair to say that many are suffering from some degree of fundraising fatigue. As well, this time next year, our school community will look quite a bit different. Some families (ours included) will transition to the new Catholic Elementary School here in Auburn Bay, while other families will be welcomed into Prince of Peace from other schools both near and far. This change is stressful and it will impact all of us in both positive and negative ways, no matter if we are moving or staying.

In spite of this change, or maybe because of it, I believe this year provides us with some tremendous opportunities. An opportunity for us to reflect on that which has made our school community so successful. An opportunity to relax and enjoy our many blessings whether it be our new playground, family events, school liturgies, concerts and so much more. An opportunity to plan for the future, and the opportunity to spread the light of Christ that shines so brightly in our school community with others. We even have an opportunity for one lucky individual to join School Council as our Treasurer role is currently vacant (no accounting experience required).

I look forward to sharing in these opportunities with you. I promise to regularly share with you our efforts at school council to make most of these opportunities. I also look forward to your input on how we can best serve the school community. I'd like to encourage those families attending the new Elementary School next year to attend the meeting on Thursday October 17th, 7pm at Prince of Peace where we can provide input into the Admin Profile for the new school. I would also like to invite you to our Family Halloween Dance on October 30th. You can find more details about both in Spartan Speak.

May God bless you,

Mustang Randall
Prince of Peace School Council Chair