



# Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Principal Appointed to Lead South Surrey Catholic Secondary School**

The Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA), on behalf of Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB and the Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mr. Michel (Mich) DesLauriers has accepted the position of Principal for the new and eagerly anticipated South Surrey Secondary School.

Mr. DesLauriers' preparatory work as principal will begin September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and he will work toward the opening of the new school which is scheduled to begin operation one year later on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. DesLauriers is currently the Principal at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby and has served in Catholic Education for over 30 years. His teaching experience began at St. Thomas More Collegiate in 1981 where he held key positions as a classroom teacher, Athletic Director, Religion Department Head, and Vice Principal. From 1998 to 2011 he served the community of Vancouver College as Assistant Principal of the Middle School and Co-Campus Minister. He was appointed Principal of St. Thomas More Collegiate in 2011.

In 1981, Mr. DesLauriers graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Recreation Education. In 2011, Mr. DesLauriers was awarded a Masters of Religious Education from St. Mark's College.

Mr. DesLaurier has made many notable contributions to the Archdiocese of Vancouver as a teacher, parishioner, administrator and highly respected Catholic educator. He and his family are dedicated and actively involved parishioners of St. Bernadette's Parish in Surrey. His faith and expertise in Catholic education will ensure the future growth of the South Surrey Secondary School as a school committed to fostering "personal relationship with Jesus in the family of the Church" and pursuing "truth, beauty and goodness within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition".

We congratulate Mr. DesLauriers on his new appointment and warmly welcome him into the



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