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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! I hope you were able to take some time off with your children over the Spring and Easter break.

Playground Update

I am sure you've noticed the BIG improvements on the playground. During Spring Break, Todd was busy coordinating the work crews as they upgraded our fencing around the soccer pitch, removed all the pea gravel and laid down smooth asphalt from the Rockland St. parking lot right up to the front gate! He also oversaw the tamping and leveling of the soccer pitch and the installation of new borders throughout the playground, as well as the removal of the fencing between the old blacktop and the rest of the playground. Here's a big SHOUT OUT to Todd! Thanks Todd! None of this would have happened were it not for the \$20,000 presented to the school from the PSG last fall. So here's another big SHOUT OUT to ALL of YOU for supporting our fundraising endeavours last year.

MyPharmacyOnline

We are always looking for creative ways to raise funds for the School. In today's digital marketplace, there are a lot of opportunities to explore. MyPharmacyOnline.ca is one such opportunity. It works like this: people requiring a prescription create a profile, then log in, order the prescription and it is delivered to your door. So, why is this an opportunity? There are substantial savings for the customer (you) due to the reduced overhead costs to run the pharmacy; there is a referral bonus that comes directly to the school each time a customer chooses our School code in the beneficiary field. And, the school saves money on the cost of its benefits program when teachers also use the service. As the PSA says, *not all bugs need drugs*, especially those viral ones, but please help us to make this fundraiser go VIRAL by introducing MyPharmacyOnline to your friends, neighbours, business acquaintances, and extended family and make sure they know the School code is: **CCCSV**. Here is an instructional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o8goLvfiEi8&feature=youtu.be>

Staffing Update

At this time of year we start looking ahead to next year, planning programming and ensuring we have the staff in place to run those programs. Although we have many long-serving teachers and EAs at the school, every year a few move on for a variety of reasons. This year, we have two teachers who will retire from active teaching, Judy Hodges, who has been with us for 15 years, and Linda Trevena, who has been with us for 11 years. Each of them will be dedicating more time to family and pursuits outside of teaching. Congratulations to both of you! Truly you will be missed next year.

Another teacher who will be leaving us to move closer to his family in Ontario is Brodie Burt. Mr. Burt has been with us for the past two years and he and his wife Anna had their first child, Norah, during his first year with us here in Victoria. We all know how important family is and with theirs so far away, it is not surprising that they would have to relocate eventually. Mr. Burt also will be dearly missed by everyone.

One other long time employee will be seeking new horizons. Aisha is a CCCS graduate and has been working with us in Lux Mundi since her grade 12 year of high school. She wants to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree (almost there!) and then earn a Bachelor of Education. Perhaps she will return one day as a teacher! This summer she has BIG plans; Aisha is getting married and moving to Vancouver. Congratulations from all of us Aisha! We will be looking for appropriate candidates for these positions in the coming weeks.

Mount Edwards Update

Things have been very quiet with our new neighbours in Mount Edwards Court. The operation seems to be going well for Cool Aid and the tenants. Meanwhile the School has moved along with its security upgrades: installing an extra security keypad at the Burdett gate, installing the infrastructure for the video surveillance cameras, and the new video-buzzer system for the doors. We are only awaiting delivery of the cameras. The actual doors to the School will

be worked on later this spring and into the summer. We were pleased to receive a cheque for \$20,000 as promised by Cool Aid, to offset these costs.

The formerly weekly and now bi-weekly neighbourhood meetings have continued with strong attendance from the neighbourhood residents and businesses. The School, *BC Housing*, *Cool Aid*, the Mayor, City Councillors, the *Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood Association* and *Speak up Fairfield* have all been represented at these meetings. The focus of these meetings is to share information regarding current operations with an aim to continual improvement. If you wish to see the minutes, please visit Cool Aid's website www.CoolAid.org/mtedwards where they are posted. You can also learn there when the next meeting is scheduled (next Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Cathedral Chapter Room). If you see anything outside Mount Edwards Court that concerns you, please call their front desk right away (778-265-3456) to let them know. Please also let the School know if you make such a call.

The School and its Board are focusing energy and resources on the future use of Mount Edwards Court. We are hiring a lawyer to advise us on municipal and rezoning practice and law so that we are well-prepared to represent the School in any future proceedings. We are also remaining in close touch with decision makers at BC Housing, Cool Aid, and the Province of BC. It is very important that we remain on their radar as this process unfolds. Thank you for continuing to support us and offer your thoughts, ideas, concerns, strategies, and resources.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are excited to announce the schedule of events coming up in June to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Please mark your calendars with the following itinerary. An email invitation for the evening event on Saturday, June 18th will be following in the next week or so, so stay tuned. I hope many of you will come out and show your support. Our capacity is limited to 200 in the gymnasium, so RSVP early if you'd like to attend. As you can see below, there is something for everyone who has been a part of Cathedral School over the last 25 years so let's get together to celebrate and support our school.

Friday, June 17, 2016

2:00 - 2:45pm: A welcome back tour of the school for past alumni to see how we've grown and changed.

3:00 - 3:45pm: A brief musical performance in the Cathedral and a special "alumni themed" chapel service.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Morning & Afternoon: Alumni will organize group activities

7:00 - 10:00pm: A semi-formal evening of entertainment (from former students), food, drink, presentations, and an opportunity to meet and mingle with former and current staff, parents, alumni from years past, and special guests. Fundraising opportunities will be highlighted.

Please note: This event is for those 19+ and tickets will be sold for \$50 per person.

Sunday, June 19, 2016

12:00 noon – 3:00pm: A family picnic will be held with food, fun and games for all ages. Location TBD.

Sponsorship Opportunities: If you or your business would like to sponsor a portion of the Saturday evening event, we'd love to hear from you! Sponsorships will be appropriately recognized. The deadline for sponsorships is May 1st.

Weekly Calendar For detailed listings, see: <http://cathedralschool.ca/about-cccs/school-calendar/>

Upcoming Events & Important Information:

Reminder: Hot Lunch cheques for the third term will be deposited on Monday, April 4th.

Reminder: Early Dismissal Wednesday, April 6th at 2:00pm.



Advanced Strings Club: The Advanced Strings Club will be meeting on Friday lunchtimes beginning next Friday, April 8th. Students that have been playing violin, viola or cello for a year or longer are invited to join. Please let Mrs Erickson know if you would like to join, either in person or by email to: music@cathedralschool.ca.



CCCS Garage Sale — Saturday, April 9: A Spring Garage Sale sponsored by the CCCS Outreach Club will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 10am to 1pm in the gym. We will be collecting donations of "gently" used books, toys, electronics, household items and anything else that you would find at a *top-notch* garage sale. Donations can be brought to the school now. If you need your items picked up, please contact Todd: luxmundi@cathedralschool.ca. Proceeds raised will support both local and international charities. Thank you for your support! (Poster attached)

PSG Meeting: The next Parent Support Group meeting will be Thursday, April 14th, 7pm at the Penny Farthing.

Spring Fair: Mark your calendars! The Spring Fair (our main fundraiser and one of the most anticipated events of the year) will be held on **Saturday, May 28th**.

Summer Program Registration: Registration forms for the Lux Mundi Summer Program are available in the office or from the school website.

Technology Summer Camps: Once again CCCS is offering Tech Camps this summer. The final schedule will be posted on the website as soon as it's available. Camps are from Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm and will run most weeks of the summer.

Christ Church Cathedral Weekly E-Newsletter: Click the link below to learn what's happening at the Cathedral. <http://eepurl.com/bUzSTT>