



Principal's Message

Veritas School welcomes back all returning and new families to our Veritas School Community! The staff and I are looking forward to a bright school year filled with growth and learning.

During the month of September, Veritas School is fortunate to be directly involved in three Masses at Sacred Heart Parish (see dates to the right). We invite each and every member of the school community to join us for these celebrations. It is a perfect opportunity to begin the new school year with us and be reminded of the beauty of a Catholic Mass. If you are not Catholic, please come and experience Mass as your children do through Veritas School and Sacred Heart Parish. We look forward to a full church in September!

We have five new staff members this year! Please warmly welcome Ms. Crawley, Ms. Kenmuir, Mr. Kosior, Mrs. Sène, and Mrs. Beaudry to our Veritas community! Please turn to the fifth page of the newsletter to meet each of them. The last page has a full staff list for this school year.

As always, please contact me at the school throughout the year if you have any concerns or questions.

In Peace,

Mrs. Tamara Berg
Principal, Veritas School
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Dates of Importance:

September 7

First Day of School!
11:00 am Dismissal
Hot Dogs in the Parking Lot!

September 8

First Full Day for Grade 1 - 9
First Day for Preschool
After School Care Begins

September 9

7:00 pm Veritas School Council

September 12

9:00 am Blessing of Veritas Staff -
all are invited to Mass!

September 15

9:00 School Mass (led by Staff)
Open House (Time TBA)
8:00 pm VPSG Meeting

September 22

Hot Lunch Begins

September 24

Pro-D Day - No School for
Students

September 28

School Photo Day

September 29

9:00 School Mass (led by Grade 4)
Orange Shirt Day

September 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day
No School for Students



Parent To-Do List



- ◇ **Tuition and School Fees:** Please complete the required tuition forms and specify your method of payment. All authorization forms must be completed as new. Forms were sent home with June report cards; please come in to the school office if you need a new form. School supply fees are also due by the end of the first week of school
- ◇ **Criminal Record Checks (CRC):** All parents/guardians and other volunteers must have a CRC on file at the office before participating in any volunteer school activities involving students. CRC's must be updated every 3 years. Please contact the school for forms or if you are unsure if you need an updated CRC. We highly encourage all potential volunteers to complete the form now so as to avoid disappointment if you are unable to participate in a school activity in the future.
- ◇ **Driver's Abstract:** All volunteer field trip drivers must have a current driver's abstract on file before volunteering as a driver for a school field trip. The process requires contact with ICBC with the resulting information forwarded to the school. Driver's Abstracts must be renewed when your driver's license is renewed. Please visit: <https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cli/>. Vehicle insurance must also be on file and a new copy provided when your insurance is renewed.

COVID Guidelines

On Tuesday, August 24, the Ministry of Education released the COVID Guidelines for this school year. The entire document can be read by clicking [here](#). Highlights include:

- ◇ **Daily health checks must be completed** before students arrive at school. The provincial daily health check app for daily assessment of symptoms can be found [here](#).
- ◇ **Masks** are required for all students in grades 4 and up, all staff, and all visitors. Masks are encouraged for students in kindergarten to grade 3.
- ◇ **School gatherings** are permitted, provided the space is fully used and there is space between classes. School assemblies will be held this year, but without visitors until further notice.
- ◇ Students in grades 4-9 will change for **PE class**. Students in these grades need a full change of gym clothes, in addition to indoor runners with non-marking soles.
- ◇ Until further notice, **parent access is limited** to essential visits, such as approved volunteer time, picking up a sick or injured child, or paying tuition.

You are Invited!

Veritas School's Open House will be on the evening of Wednesday, September 15; the specific time will be shared in the coming days. Each classroom teacher will hold 20 minute sessions to provide those parents with multiple children the opportunity to attend each of their child's teacher's sessions. The grade 7-9 teachers will hold their session together so all Senior Academy teachers can be introduced. This is a parent evening, and as such, we ask that you attend without your children to limit our gathering size.



Our VPSG will have a table set up and will be looking for parents to join as VPSG members.

Calendar Change: Please note the change to our yearly calendar. September 30 has been designated by the government as a National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. As such, Veritas School will be closed on September 30. Please find an amended calendar in your email and on the school website. A paper copy will also be sent home on Wednesday, September 8.

School Supplies: School supply lists were sent out in June. Copies are available at the school office or on the school website. Please remember that the school supply fees are due by Friday, September 10.



Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch begins on Wednesday, September 22 and is organized by the VPSG. The online Munch-a-Lunch link for ordering will be shared in the Wednesday, September 8 email. Hot Lunch requires volunteers every Wednesday to either prepare or sort the lunches. Any questions can be emailed to the VPSG chair, Silvia Barg, at silviar_99@hotmail.com.



Veritas Parent Support Group: The first VPSG meeting will be Wednesday, September 15th at 8:00 pm after the Open House. All classroom parent reps and any interested parents are encouraged to attend as this is the best way to contribute to Veritas School!

School Visitors: The safety of our children is of utmost importance to the staff of Veritas. As such, it is our policy that school guests and visitors must enter through the front doors and speak with an office staff member upon arrival.

Absentee Notes: Please contact the school via email (veritas@cispg.ca), written note, or phone call with a message explaining your child/ren's absences. Numerous unexplained absences throughout the school year place our school funding in jeopardy. Absentee notes are crucial to our school funding!

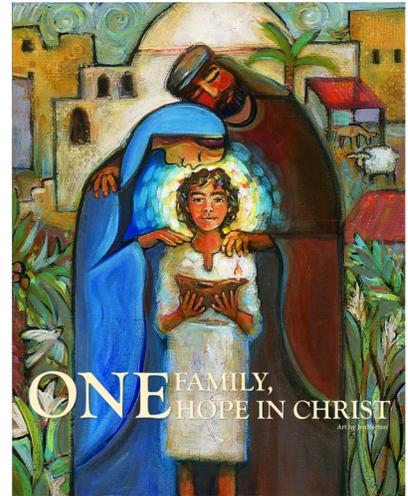
Staff Blessing: There will be a special blessing for the staff of Veritas School during the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, September 12. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



The 2021-22 theme for the Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George is

“One Family, One Hope in Christ”

Watch for activities focusing on our theme throughout the school year!



Lunches: In an effort to ease the load on our school compost and reduce wasps and other friends, students will be asked to bring home all lunch remains, such as apple cores, unfinished sandwiches, etc., to be disposed of at home. Please consider adding a container for such items to your child’s lunch bag.

Grocery Cards: Our grocery card program is an easy way to support Veritas School’s fundraising efforts! We have grocery cards available for Safeway, Save-On-Foods, and Wholesale Club in a variety of denominations. The school receives a percentage of your purchase, at no cost to you! Everyone purchases groceries - stop by Veritas first!



Skills Needed: We are looking for community members who could assist with sports clubs by coaching and refereeing. Thank you for considering how you can contribute to Veritas Athletics!

Dress Code: As Veritas School does not have uniforms, students must refrain from wearing unclean clothing and clothes displaying vulgar language or violence. Please see the student/parent handbook for further details.



After School Care: ASC resumes this school year on Wednesday, September 8! ASC begins at 3:00 and runs until 5:00 on school days and from 12:00 noon to 5:00 on half days. ASC will not be offered on non-instructional days this year. Mrs. Gina Vennard, with help from Ms. Lina Greeff, will be operating ASC. If you intend to use ASC at any point this year, please stop by the office and ensure your paperwork is complete.

Nut Aware School: Veritas School is a “Nut Aware School”. We do have students with severe nut allergies. As such, students may not bring food that contains nuts to school. There are a number of safe peanut and nut alternatives available that are can be included in your child’s lunch and snack. Thank you for helping to keep all Veritas Students safe.

Meet Our New Teachers!



Ms. Sarah Crawley is our new Grade 4 teacher! Ms. Crawley attended Veritas School from grade 2 to grade 7 and is honoured to be working alongside some of her own teachers. She has three daughters attending Veritas and a fourth starting soon! Ms. Crawley enjoys teaching yoga, being outdoors, watching basketball, running, and reading. She is looking forward to a great school year and is excited to teach grade 4! Welcome, Ms. Crawley!

Mr. Joe Kosior is our new Grade 8 Homeroom and Senior Academy English, Social Studies, and Drama teacher. He has taught in Alberta and England and has spent time travelling through Europe and exploring different cultures. Mr. Kosior recently took up fishing and cycling and is excited to explore Terrace. He is looking forward to meeting the students and sharing his love of language with them. Welcome, Mr. Kosior!



Ms. Emma Kenmuir is our new Grade 7 Homeroom teacher and French specialist. In addition to French in Grades 5, 7, 8, & 9, she will also be teaching Health and Career and Science 7. Ms. Kenmuir has an Arts degree with a major in French and a minor in Physical Education. Ms. Kenmuir enjoys silversmithing, adventuring, and spending time with friends and family! She is looking forward to sharing her passion for learning and connecting with her students. Welcome, Ms. Kenmuir!

Mrs. Trina Sène is our new Catholic Education Support Teacher. Mrs. Sène taught at Veritas School from 2008 to 2015, then moved to Langley, BC. She moved back to Terrace with her husband and two young children this summer. Mrs. Sène is excited to be at Veritas again, see some familiar faces, and meet many new ones. She is passionate about her faith, loves travelling, staying active, chocolate treats, and socializing with friends and family. She is looking forward to once again working with her sister, Ms. B.! Welcome, Mrs. Sène!



Mrs. Amanda Beaudry is our new Sprout Up Preschool teacher. Mrs. Beaudry has been working with children age five and under for sixteen years. The last three years have been spent raising her son, Lincoln, who also will be attending preschool. As a long time Terrace resident, Mrs. Beaudry looks forward to seeing lots of familiar faces and meeting lots of new families. Welcome, Mrs. Beaudry!

Veritas Staff

Below is a staff list for the 2021 - 2022 school year. We are still accepting applications for a grade 3 teacher. When we successfully hire the best teacher, Ms. Nelly Favela will move into the Learning Resource Teacher position after a proper transition period.

Kindergarten:	Ms. Brenna Sterner	PE:	Mrs. Jeannette Hoornenborg
Grade 1:	Mrs. Dianna Carlyle	Foods:	Mrs. Carolyn Fassnacht
Grade 2:	Ms. Katherine Davis	Woodwork:	Mr. Peter Ramsay
Grade 3:	Ms. Nelly Favela	Librarian/SEA:	Mrs. Suzanne Raposo
Grade 4:	Ms. Sarah Crawley	SEA:	Mrs. Cathy Husband
Grade 5:	Ms. Amanda Botelho	SEA:	Mrs. Marian Carreiro
Grade 6:	Ms. Kesia Whonder	SEA:	Mrs. Jessica Webb
Grade 7:	Ms. Emma Kenmuir	SEA:	Mrs. Gina Vennard
Grade 8:	Mr. Joe Kosior	SEA:	Mrs. Lina Greeff
Grade 9:	Ms. Cassie Dusdal	SEA:	Mrs. Jackie Metzger
Music:	Mrs. Kelly Lima	Preschool:	Mrs. Amanda Beaudry

Grade 7, 8, & 9 Religion: Mrs. Kristi Holdyk

Catholic Education Coordinator: Mrs. Trina Sène

School Counsellor: Mrs. Sue Springer

Secretary / Bookkeeper: Mrs. Isabel deMedeiros

Secretary: Mrs. Joan Iamele

Maintenance Personal: Mr. Luis Pedro

School Custodian: Mr. Jon Crawley

Sacred Heart Pastor: Fr. James JD, SAC

Principal: Mrs. Tamara Berg

