



F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This school year has been unlike anything we have ever seen with unprecedented challenges and ever-changing operational requirements we have all had to adapt to. The positivity, resilience, flexibility, and care for one another this year has been commendable, and on behalf of the staff at F.P Walshe we thank everyone in our community for their support.

Our 2020/2021 school goals at F.P. Walshe have been primarily focused in the following two areas: responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and enhancing our school culture. We have experienced many changes this past school year and grown stronger through the adversity we have faced. Our staff and students have adjusted and adhered to the health and safety protocols as we took a team approach to provide a safe learning environment. Our culture continues to be enhanced through the efforts of our staff, student body, parent/guardian support and the creative work of our student leadership team. We are all excited for the opportunities ahead as we move forward from the pandemic.

As a school community this past school year, we have engaged in a re-visioning process. Engaging stakeholders as to 'why' we do what we do at the school and 'what' we do has been a big part of our professional development and school council and student leadership meetings. As a school community we have collaboratively created the following vision/mission/motto statements:

Vision: A place to learn and belong

Mission: To empower personal growth through meaningful relationships

Motto: We Are Walshe

As we near the summer break, we once again celebrate and honour our graduating students on their accomplishments. Our graduation ceremony will be taking place the weekend on June 12 in an outdoor drive-in style ceremony (following public health guidelines). Our feather blessing ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 10 in a virtual format as we celebrate, recognize, and honour our indigenous students and their achievements. A special congratulations also goes out to our well deserved valedictorian Mr. Nick Housenga on being the top academic student in the graduation class of 2021. We have a special group of graduands this year, who have led by example and will be deeply missed by the staff and students of our school. We wish this talented class all the best as they enter a new stage in their lives and thank them for all they have done for F.P. Walshe.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer and we look forward to hopefully seeing everyone in person next school year. Take care.

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

Principal