

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



DATE: JANUARY 24, 2025

**TO: ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS, PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART PARISH,
COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS
RE: SCHOOL CLOSURE - UPDATE**

Below is an update from the CISKD Board of Directors.

In the face of the recent announcement of the Board's decision to close Sacred Heart Catholic School's (SHCS) due to its financial challenges, we have been blessed with an overwhelming outpouring of support from our parent community, parishioners, alumni, local businesses, and generous organizations. This remarkable support has come in the form of both one-time donations and pledges from individuals and organizations who believe deeply in the Catholic mission of SHCS. The pledged financial contributions we've received so far have been nothing short of miraculous, and thanks to this incredible generosity, SHCS has real hope of continuing to thrive and provide the high-quality Catholic education that our students, and community, deserve.

Now, we need your help to take the next important step forward: converting the pledges into donations.

To ensure we are able to fully realize the impact of this support, we ask that all individuals and organizations who have made a pledge begin fulfilling these commitments at their earliest convenience. Whether you pledged through a monthly contribution, a one-time donation, or another form of support, every bit will help us continue to move forward with confidence and optimism that SHCS will be able to remain open another school year. All funds collected will be held in Trust until such time as the Board formally reverses its decision. (Should the decision remain to close, any donations will be refunded). The immediate need now is to collect these pledges. As the school is a registered charity all donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Here's how you can fulfill your pledge:

For one-time donations: Please make your contribution by cheque, bank draft or e-transfer by February 5th, 2025 to payments@sacredheartwl.com. If making an etransfer, please add a message as to what the funds are for.

For recurring donations: You can continue or adjust your payment plan through the school office. Please contact admin@sacredheartwl.com.

 **Phone**
250 376 3351

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superintendent@ciskd.ca

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If you need any assistance or have questions about your pledge, please do not hesitate to reach out to either our school Principal, Amanda Gilmore (principal@sacredheartwl.com) or our school Office Manager, Tara Sherlock (admin@sacredheartwl.com). Our team is ready and happy to assist you in any way we can.

SHCS, in collaboration with the Superintendent's office, will be working with these donors to confirm their donations.

The Board will provide another update on January 31, 2025 to the community and will be in a position to announce the actual dollar figure for both in-hand donations and pledges raised thus far. The Board will meet again on Thursday February 6, 2025 to assess the progress.

The support provided so far is a strong indication that SHCS can remain financially secure and a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together. There remains much to be done around the longer term sustainability of the school with much progress being made during the meeting held earlier this week. Once again, thank you for your incredible support.

It is truly humbling and a testament to the power of prayer and faith in God!

In His Care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Yuen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. Christopher Yuen

Superintendent of Schools

Cc. Ms. Amanda Gilmore, Principal Sacred Heart Catholic School

Rev. Paul Simms, Pastor Sacred Heart Parish

Bishop Joseph Nguyen, CISKD Board President