

Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese



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The Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is pleased to announce that Rev. Joseph Chi Hung Ly and the Parish Education Committee of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School in Vancouver have hired Mrs. Cathy Lorenz as Principal effective September 1, 2026.

Mrs. Lorenz began her career at Queen of All Saints (QAS) School in Coquitlam. From 2011 to 2016, Mrs. Lorenz taught in multiple classrooms at the primary and intermediate level. In 2016, Mrs. Lorenz became the Learning Resource Coordinator. Here she gained valuable insights into student learning data, implementation of evidence-based teaching strategies as well as collaborating with various colleagues in the department to best meet the needs of all students.

In 2018, Mrs. Lorenz was appointed Interim Principal of QAS while also maintaining the role of Learning Resource Coordinator. During that year, Mrs. Lorenz navigated the school through a successful Ministry evaluation, established a liaison with Douglas College to provide ongoing practicum opportunities for educational assistant students, developed and implemented school policies and led the staff in developing faith and strengthening community.

After returning to the role of Learning Resource Coordinator in the fall of 2019, Mrs. Lorenz focused on professional development and establishing Professional Learning Communities. In 2021 Mrs. Lorenz accepted a job offer as a Learning Support Teacher with Seoul Foreign School in South Korea. For the past five years, Mrs. Lorenz has collaborated with teachers to adapt instruction, promote inclusive practices, and support school wide initiatives. The experience of working in an international school has provided numerous learning opportunities for Mrs. Lorenz to bring back to the CISVA when she returns to Vancouver this coming summer.

Mrs. Lorenz obtained a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education from Simon Fraser University. She also holds a Master of Arts in Educational Studies from Trinity Western University. Mrs. Lorenz has completed extensive professional training in inclusive education since obtaining her Master of Arts degree.

Prior to leaving for South Korea, Mrs. Lorenz was an active parishioner at All Saints Parish. The CISVA congratulates Mrs. Lorenz on her new appointment and welcomes her to the St. Francis Xavier Elementary School community.