



# Gray Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Passover to everyone in our school community. Enjoy this time with family and friends!

I would like to share some exciting information with you and update you on a few new things happening at the school.

I am very pleased to announce that we have hired a Director of Teaching and Learning to augment our Senior Administrative Leadership Team at school. Mr. Rob Dalgliesh has accepted this new position and will begin working this coming summer. Mr. Dalgliesh will be responsible for working with our staff in creating a culture of innovation and enhanced 21<sup>st</sup> century learning throughout our school. This is a highly important position and its development has been based on the needs and requests of our parents and students as well as the direction of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools. Specifically, Mr. Dalgliesh will be working in the following areas: Curriculum Development and Improvement, Growth and Development of Instructional Practice, Teacher and School-wide Professional Development and Teacher Supervision and Evaluation.

Mr. Dalgliesh comes to our school from his current professional life in Pembina Trails School Division where he has had an extremely successful career. Most recently, as Program Leader at Oak Park High School, he has been involved with, and led change in, developing and delivering cross-curricular and integrated course material, developing opportunities focused on implementing literacy, engagement and technology advancements in the classroom as well as enhancing student success using “blended” learning environments. Gray Academy is extremely fortunate to have acquired a highly skilled and experienced educational leader and we look forward to the newest stage of our growth and development. Most importantly, Rob is the proud father of a son in grade two who attends Gray Academy.

The next phase of building our new administrative structure will be the hiring of an elementary principal and a high school principal who will be charged with the daily organization and running of our school, overall educational leadership and will be responsible for academics in general and Judaic studies and ensuring a safe and caring school community. Both jobs have been posted and advertised and it is our expectation that candidates will be chosen, interviewed and selected by the end of April. Please stay tuned for further updates following the Passover break.

Additionally, please take a moment to help me say thank you to a group of our teachers who have given their heart and energy in educating and nurturing your children for many years. I am proud to have worked alongside these dedicated individuals and I wish them well in the future. The following master teachers have decided to retire fully or half time at the end of the 2014/2015 school year. Congratulations to: Dolly Chisick (full time), Sharon Freed (full time), Val Leibl (full time), Rochelle Gamliel (half time), Clara Roy (half time), and Shelley Ross (half time).

Enjoy the break!

Rory Paul  
Head of School and CEO