



## **Christos Kazyas**

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It is my pleasure to continue to serve you as principal this year! This is my second year in educational leadership and my eleventh year teaching at Third Academy. Prior, to becoming principal, I had many leadership experiences including Head Basketball/Football/Soccer Coach in many of the schools I taught in the past, High School Lead for Third Academy, Assistant Principal for Third Academy and I also have 15 years of teaching experience across two provinces, one territory and two countries. Even with these amazing experiences I will always be and continue to be a teacher at heart. My career and educational background has taken me to several countries. I completed my university undergrad with a Major in Sociology and a Minor in Economics from The University of Western Ontario (U.W.O). By pursuing lifelong learning, I intend to be an example to students and teachers that we should never stop learning.

Upon graduation I worked at London Life and Coast Capital Savings working on RRIF's, LIF's, annuities, small business loans and finally on a merger team when Coast Capital Savings merged with Vancouver Island Credit Union. In 2004, I decided to leave the Banking industry and become an educator. I applied too and completed my Teaching Diploma from the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Upon graduation I began my teaching career at St. Peter's College in Auckland, New Zealand. In 2008 I moved to the Northwest Territories to begin an adventure in teaching in Canada's Great White North. During the next three years I acclimatized myself to both the cold and the Canadian curriculum.

During year 3 of my Great White North adventure I met my future wife at a NYE party in Calgary and decided to move 'down south'. Luckily for me I was introduced to Third Academy and I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sunil Mattu and the rest is history... Since my move to Calgary in 2010 I have had the pleasure of getting married (Karen McGlone) and having two wonderful little people. Charles Peter Kazyas and Beatrix Helen Angeliki Kazyas. They are the loves of my life. I have the same expectations for them as I do your children, who I love as if they are my own. I want to see them excel and become productive human beings, who have ample opportunity to become whatever they want when they grow up.

It is my privilege to lead Third Academy East and the many talented teachers and students here! My goal is to continue to provide a supportive climate and culture at Third Academy that is conducive to teaching and learning. By doing so, each individual student and teacher can experience growth to their highest potential. I look forward to interacting with all stakeholders in our school community this year!