



CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY
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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 12, 2013

Dear Families and Friends of Chaminade,

It is my honor to announce to you that I have appointed Mr. Stephen Lepire as the next high school principal of our West Hills campus. Mr. Lepire will assume his duties on July 1, 2013.

As you are aware, in October 2012 our current principal, Br. Tom Fahy, tendered his notice of intent to step down as principal at the end of the current school year. I know you join me in thanking Br. Tom for his 11-year tenure as our high school principal and we can all look forward to his continued service to Chaminade in a still to be defined capacity.

In October we began an extensive search process with the guidance of the Executive Search Department at Catholic School Management, Inc. Chaminade is fortunate to be recognized nationally as a school of excellence and as a result, we were blessed with a large pool of qualified candidates.

Our final three candidates were exceptional and the choice was difficult. Following much collaboration and prayer, however, I selected Mr. Stephen Lepire as our next principal at Chaminade. Mr. Lepire is a lifelong educator and a committed Catholic who possesses a deep respect for Catholic education and our Marianist philosophy.

Mr. Lepire is a San Fernando Valley resident and a graduate of local Catholic elementary and high schools. He is also the proud parent of a Chaminade student. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from Loyola Marymount University and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from California Lutheran University. Stephen started his career many years ago as a coach at Chaminade and has compiled a long and impressive track record as a teacher and administrator.

Mr. Lepire began his administrative career as a dean of students at several different schools in Los Angeles and Conejo Valley. In 2003, he was appointed assistant principal at Newbury Park High School where he served until 2008 when he was appointed to the assistant principal position at Westlake High School. In July of 2009, he was named principal of Redwood Middle School in Thousand Oaks where he currently serves. Mr. Lepire has extensive experience in many areas of school leadership, grounded in a passion for student success. He has developed strong administrative skills and a collaborative style that complements our Marianist philosophy. In January of this year, Steve was selected as the Administrator of the Year for Ventura County by the Association of California School Administrators. This prestigious award will be presented in March at the Association's annual conference in Solvang.

In selecting Stephen Lepire, we have been blessed with a unique opportunity to bring a gifted educator on board to provide leadership to our high school community. I am confident that he has the experience, skills, and personal characteristics necessary to continue our proud tradition of Catholic/Marianist education in Southern California.

In the coming weeks and months as we provide opportunities for you to meet Mr. Lepire, I know you will give him a warm welcome. I also ask you to join me again in thanking Br. Tom Fahy for his past and continuing service to the Chaminade family.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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