



Celebrate and Honour

**EICS RETIREES
2019-2020**



**ELK ISLAND
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Seeing Christ in Everyone



My last position with EICS was in Grade 3 at Holy Spirit school for 6 years. I started with the division in 2004, subbing and my signed my first temporary contract at Holy Spirit in Kindergarten.

I grew up in Edmonton and was an Archbishop O'Leary Graduate. I continued my studies at the University of Alberta with a B.Ed. Before joining EICS, I taught in Whitecourt and Wetaskiwin.

I have been married to Dan Aloisio for 29 years and we have three children. In retirement I am looking forward to quilting and crafting.





**MICHELLE
FEDORCHUK
SHORT**

The last position I had with EICS was as a math teacher at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School.

I began my career interning with Edmonton Catholic Schools at St. Thomas More, and teaching Grade 9 and IOP at R.F. Staples Secondary School in Westlock.

These experiences enabled me to tackle a position best described as a “high school generalist” at ABJ in 1989.

I was born in Edmonton and grew up on an acreage in Sturgeon County. I attended the University of Alberta where I received my Bachelor of Education.

Teaching was what I always wanted to do. There are many who inspired, taught, challenged, and supported me over the years: colleagues, mentors, and students.

Thank you, it was fabulous!

**MICHELLE
FEDORCHUK
SHORT**





**GORDON
MARSHALL**

I began my career with the Sherwood Park Catholic School Division in February of 1989 at the original St. Theresa School.

I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and my family emigrated to Canada in October of 1965 and I grew up in North Edmonton. I attended St. Dominic's elementary school, JJ Bowlen Jr. High and graduated from Archbishop O'Leary High School

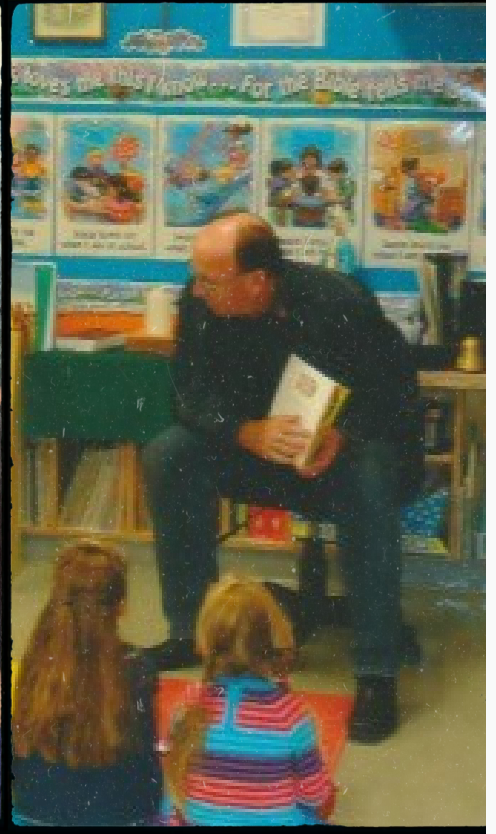
I received my Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and my Master's degree from the University of Gonzaga. Go Zags!

I will be enjoying my retirement with my beautiful wife Jane and my two sons, Daniel and Matthew. In terms of memberships in community organizations, I am currently a proud member of the Covid-19 Isolation Association!!!

In retirement, I plan to spend time continuing to cancel my travel plans due to Covid-19, golfing, playing hockey (when allowed again), reading and dreaming of spending time with family and friends when this pandemic ends!

In terms of anything else I'd like to share - If and that's a big "IF", Lorne Monaghan takes enough strokes off of his game to make it to the PGA Seniors tour I will be working as his Caddie! Oh let's face it that's never going to happen!

GORDON
MARSHALL





I was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, graduated from Archbishop O’Leary High School in 1978, obtained my Education Degree at the University of Alberta in 1982, and began teaching at Archbishop Jordan High School that same year. I later achieved my Master’s Degree at the University of Portland in 1991.

For the majority of my 37-year career at ABJ, I taught the Drama 30 program, and then later took on the role as counsellor there. My Drama Club and Drama 30 Dinner Theatre Productions were a family event for me – with my Mom sewing the costumes, my Dad building the sets and both of them cooking the Ukrainian dinners for the audience of 250 people each year for 22 years.

ABJ didn’t realize that when they hired me, they also got 2 full-time volunteers as well. Those were very special days for me. I was blessed to have a career that I totally loved and I will always have so many wonderful memories of the students and colleagues whom I have worked with over the years. I retired from ABJ in June 2019. “Once a Scot, Always a Scot”!

I am also incredibly excited to continue this next chapter in my life and the adventures it brings. Mostly, I have been enjoying precious time with family and friends (when Covid restrictions permit!), especially with my son, Dustyn, who is graduating from High School this year and is truly my Gift from God.

I love to travel, especially cruising and relaxing on a beach, spend time at the cabin at the lake, and of course – to dance. In fact, while I taught, I actually also had an additional career as a professional dancer, and although my Gold Dust Dancer days of performing with performers like Bobby Curtola, Roy Orbison, and Kenny Rogers are over – I still love to dance – even if it’s just in my house! My Mom used to remind me of the words to a song – “Promise me you’ll give faith a fighting chance, and if you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you Dance”. So – don’t worry Mom – in my retirement, I will still “Choose to Dance.”

Congratulations and best wishes to the other retirees and thank you to everyone at ABJ and EICS for all of the wonderful memories.

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I proudly retired from EICS as the Early Learning Consultant in June of 2019. I began my journey with EICS as a grade 4 teacher in 1983 and hung around for 25 years. I was born in Uranium City (Gunnar), Saskatchewan which is way up north, and grew up in Edmonton. I am proud to come from the working-class North East – St. Francis of Assisi Parish/School and Archbishop O’Leary.

I attended the University of Alberta and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Education. I returned back to my alma mater and also received my Masters of Education from U of A in 1997.

I am very lucky to have two amazing children: Erin and Mathew. They and their spouses (Brian & Sarah) have been a blessing in my life. I also have 5 grandchildren: Ethan, Alexander, Lily, Joseph, and Zoe; all of whom have definitely lived up to their entertainment value. 😊

I am very active in a number of organizations including:

- St. Matthew Catholic Church**
- Castle Downs NDP Volunteer**
- Rocky Mountain Seniors Ski Club**

In terms of sports, I am a lifelong Leafs Fan – GO LEAFS GO!!!. All you rabble-rousers (aka Oiler fans), it may finally be the Leafs’ year. I love to read, follow politics, and have taken up golf.

“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.” (Carl Jung)

**MARG
SCHIMPF**





I lived in Alberta for 40 years but go back every summer (except 2020) with my husband Gary. My children are Marc & Lexie (daughter-in-law) son Jay, and daughter Shauna & Brandon (son-in-law), and their beautiful baby Chloe!

Once my three children were in school I started volunteering at Madonna. That's when I realized "I love this!" I took the Educational Assistant program at Grant MacEwan and started my career in 1998 at Madonna Catholic School.

**After 6 great years there I was transferred to Holy Spirit School. I was fortunate to stay there for 16 years! It became my second home. I worked in almost every classroom there with many amazing teachers. I met so many lovely children and their families too. Many wonderful memories of students and staff were made there!
It was the best job ever!**

I enjoy crocheting, knitting, sewing, crafts & photography. In retirement, I hope to spend a lot of time with my granddaughter and also to be able to spend more time at our cottage in PEI.

I truly loved all my years working as an Educational Assistant for EICS and will cherish those years forever.

"How lucky was I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard"

WINNIE THE POOH

**PATRICIA
STANBRIDGE**







**CHERYL STRUK
GOLDSBY**

I began my teaching career at OLA in Fort Saskatchewan, as a junior high teacher focusing on beginner band. I started many young students on the path to playing various band instruments. Christmas and Spring concerts along with various band competitions were just a few performances that introduced to students. I continued this until 2001 when I moved to start a beginner concert band at Holy Redeemer in Ardrossan. There was no program at this school and we started a thriving successful program. During my time there students experienced many performances. From the Ardrossan parade to Festival of Trees, to Disneyland. They also performed and did very well at numerous concert band competitions in B.C and Alberta.

While at Holy Redeemer I put on numerous dramatic performances and art exhibits. I was known as the whole fine arts department at one time as I was a triple threat with talent in music, art, and drama. I also began a band parent booster club that together raised funds for musical instruments and equipment. In 2013 I was sad to leave that program behind when I was moved to Holy Spirit and became a grade seven homeroom teacher and taught mainly social and art, eventually adding drama.

I devoted extra time, talent and professional artistic skills by teaching students how to put on outstanding musical performances for parents, special guests, and the community. The yearly shadow play of the Stations of the Cross was always a moving experience and was something that was looked forward to every Lenten season. I ended my teaching career with a major production of the musical Alice in Wonderland. It was a huge success.

**CHERYL
STRUK
GOLDSBY**





I started my career working for Elk Island Catholic Schools as a Special Needs Assistant in October 2003.

I earned my “Special Needs Assistant Certificate” at Grant MacEwan University finishing at the top of my class receiving Honours with Distinction Lori started at Jean Vanier, and then continued on at Madonna, Our Lady of Angels, Saint Theresa and finishing the last 13 years at Holy Spirit.

I am committed to lifelong learning, taking courses yearly at the Grant McEwan Educational Assistants’ Conference. I have worked with all grade levels but especially loved working in elementary, and will miss working with the staff and special friends (Hey Teresa) that I have made along the way.

I am looking forward to my retirement years, enjoying more family time, gardening, and the great outdoors.

**LORI
VENABLES**





My last position prior to retirement was teaching Language Arts at St. John Paul II Catholic School. I began with EICS teaching at Madonna Catholic School in 2001.

I was born in Lethbridge and grew up in Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan.

I attended Our Lady of the Angels in Fort Saskatchewan and graduated in 1982. I went to the University of Alberta and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelors of Education. I obtained my Masters of Education in 2010 from Portland.

I have been married to Sandy Weller and we have two children, Jessica and Nathan.

In terms of memberships and organizations I continue to volunteer at O.L.A. Church in various ministries. I have worked with many charitable organizations over the years.

I Love to draw and play guitar and enjoy camping and the outdoors. I am proud to have taught so many great kids over 35 years.



TIM WELLER

