



Office of the President

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Dear St. Paul's Community,

Since its introduction in 1987, the St. Paul's Fashion Show has brought together generations of families in support of our school. We are deeply grateful to the parents, students, alumni, sponsors, volunteers, and staff members whose generosity and enthusiasm have made the event possible for nearly four decades.

Following a review of all school events and fundraising activities, St. Paul's has made the decision to bring the Fashion Show to a close, effective this school year.

This decision was made carefully by school leadership. Our review considered each event's contribution to community life, alignment with the school's mission, financial impact, and the significant commitments required of volunteers and staff.

We recognize that this news will be disappointing to members of our community, particularly families who had looked forward to participating during their sons' Grade 12 year. The Fashion Show has created many fond memories, and we sincerely acknowledge the people who built and sustained this tradition.

Since 2010, funds raised through the Fashion Show have supported the St. Paul's Magis Fund, which provides financial support to students who might otherwise be unable to participate fully in school life. The Magis Fund complements our bursary program and reflects St. Paul's longstanding tradition of supporting students and families who need financial assistance.

The Magis Fund remains a vital priority for St. Paul's and continues to be a part of the school's annual fundraising plan. Although the Fashion Show is ending, our commitment to helping every student participate fully in the St. Paul's experience has not changed.

As the needs of our school and students continue to evolve, the ways we raise funds and engage our community is also changing. As part of our current strategic plan, St. Paul's is transitioning from a fundraising model that has relied heavily on events toward a more diversified and sustainable approach.

This will allow us to direct the generosity and energy of our community toward opportunities that create lasting impact, sustain strong relationships, and align with our mission. Our renewed focus will also support our ongoing commitment to keeping tuition affordable and ensuring that a St. Paul's education remains accessible to all qualified students.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Fashion Show since 1987. Its legacy is reflected not only in the funds it raised, but also in the friendships, memories, and spirit of generosity it fostered throughout our community.

Sincerely,

Bob Lewin
President