

## New Special Education Teacher Ms. Van Laarhoven

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St. Joseph's Catholic High School, Barrie, Ontario

This school year a brand new teacher became part of our school community. Joyanne Van Laarhoven is our new Special Ed teacher in Room 105. She began teaching here early September this year. She is a very experienced teacher after teaching for thirteen years.

After deciding to move to Simcoe, she chose St Joseph's Catholic High School for its strong community, faithfulness, small size and kindness to others. She loves the great school spirit that we have shown and our giving back to the community.



*Joyanne Van Laarhoven*

*Taken by: Grace Sacharko-Roblin*

She grew up in Minesing, Ontario, on her family's farm. Her mother was a teacher at Phelpston Elementary, which is the school that Ms. Van Laarhoven went to as a child. She often helped her mother in the classroom, and became inspired to be just like her. Her mother had great kindness and was often heard saying her special quote: "Hands are for helping, not hurting." Her mother retired after thirty-three years of work in 2005, the same year Ms. Van Laarhoven started teaching.

Ms. Van Laarhoven has made quite a few achievements in her life so far. She wrote a book in 2002 for her Master's degree, home-recorded three music albums, got married in 2011 and had two girls. Ms. Van Laarhoven has a passion for gardening in her free time. Ms. Van Laarhoven wants everyone to: "Always be kind to one another." She is kind, understanding and patient. She hopes that everyone will enjoy her stay at our school.