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mittee that met with the architect to design the new school," Denison said.

He spent 11 years there, first as a department head and then the last six as vice-principal.

"I left there to help build another high school, Pope John Paul II High School, in Toronto."

Denison was only there for a year before deciding to move his family to the Quinte area in 1989 "because we wanted a more rural area to bring up our kids."

Denison and his wife, Marilyn, were married in 1978, and they have two children, Jesse and Aidan.

The family initially lived in Wellington before relocating to Bloomfield four years ago.

Denison was assigned to St. Paul's Secondary School in Trenton in its second year of operation. He spent eight years there — he helped plan that school's addition and was principal for four years.

The former Hastings-Prince Edward Separate School Board selected Denison to be principal of the yet-unbuilt St. Theresa Secondary School. He spent the entire 1997-98 academic year planning for the new high school.

"I worked very closely with the engineer and architect in the actual design and what facilities should be put into the school. One of the reasons I was selected to open the school was perhaps because of my previous background with new schools."

St. Theresa opened in September of 1998 with 360 students with Denison at the helm. He made his last move as principal to Nicholson in Sept. 2003.

As Denison leaves education, he provides students with some good advice.

"Try to live by the three principles that I try to live my life by: Take care of yourself; take care of others; and, take care of your environment. These are very important as they are truly what living by our faith means."

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