



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2016

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten – Grade 4 Currently Residing in South Cranston and Attending Christ the King School,

In preparation for the opening of the new south Cranston Catholic school the Calgary Catholic School District is initiating the process to confirm student attendance and registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

As indicated in the February 8, 2016 update letter to the south Cranston school community, parents were advised that the scheduled opening date of the actual building will be late fall/Christmas, and a detailed contingency plan will be implemented that will include a “school within a school” model allowing all students to start and finish the year in the same class with the same teacher. To assist parents with their decision we wish to provide further details regarding the “school within a school” model, including projected locations for our students based on the scheduled opening of the new south Cranston building late fall/Christmas. As described in the February 8, 2016 letter to the South Cranston school community, a “school within a school” model is described as follows:

- The south Cranston Catholic school will open with their own student population and administration/teacher/support staff allocations.
- Knowing the students will be located offsite at the start of the school year, they will be transported to the alternate location. This temporary location will be located in another school facility.
- Students are assigned to a regular homeroom teacher and will be engaged in courses appropriate for their grade level.
- The class of students and homeroom teacher would then move into the new south Cranston Catholic school together as a group once the facility opens. This process ensures continuity with educational programming and the strong relationships developed from the first day of school with the teacher of the students.

It is now projected that the “school within a school” location will be at a combination of Blessed Cardinal Newman School and Christ the King School. Both of these schools will have excess space based on the opening of Calgary Catholic School District’s three new schools in SE Calgary. In addition, if student enrolment is high enough to warrant additional space, the district will review options of modular usage on the new South Cranston School site or space available in the New Auburn Bay school (currently scheduled for completion this summer).

In a letter to parents dated June 18, 2015 regarding boundaries for the new south Cranston school, a decision for students residing in south Cranston was deferred. The letter stated:

In February 2016, south Cranston students enrolled at Christ the King will be surveyed to determine if they wish to be grandfathered and remain at Christ the King School. No transportation will be provided. This opportunity is only for registered students who are attending Christ the King School during the 2015-2016 school year and not younger siblings.

As indicated in our February 8 update letter, we are now seeking your input regarding the preference that you and your child have with respect to the above option. While the "school within a school" model is new for some parents, there is a tremendous opportunity for students who comprise the inaugural year of a school community to shape the character, spirit, culture and climate of the new school. Parents are encouraged to consider this opportunity in making their decision for next year. Please note that in order to allow us to plan appropriately for staff and resources, we are looking for an expression of intent for **the entire school year**.

Please complete the tear-off section at the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your child on or before February 29. Information collected will be used to determine placement for students in grades 1-5 in 2016/2017.

Information can also be found our website: <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/cranston>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christ the King School at 403-500-2119.

Sincerely,



Mike Ross,
Superintendent, Area D Schools

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**PLEASE RETURN TO CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL
ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

- I would prefer my child attend the new south Cranston school for the 2016/2017 school year.
(Transportation provided for eligible students based on regular district procedures)
- I would prefer my child attend Christ the King School for the 2016/2017 school year.
(No transportation will be provided)

Parent signature