



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2016

Dear Parents of Kindergarten - Grade 6 Students Currently Residing in Cranston and Attending Blessed Cardinal Newman 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. Therefore, we wish to provide information regarding student registrations for next year.

Current K-4 students who reside in South Cranston:

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. 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.

For your information, 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).

Current grades 5 & 6 students who reside in South Cranston

For current Blessed Cardinal Newman students in grades 5 and 6, your school next year and through to grade 9 will be Christ the King School. South Cranston school only goes to grade 5 in the first year of operation, then to grade 6 in subsequent years.

Current K-6 students residing in north Cranston (North of Cranston Avenue)

All current K-6 students residing north of Cranston Avenue and currently attending Blessed Cardinal Newman School are re-directed to Christ the King School. This will be their school until the end of Grade 9.

For your information, the following quotes are from the June 18, 2015 decision letters:

- *Cranston resident students attending Blessed Cardinal Newman are redirected to Christ the King School or the new south Cranston school.*
- *Cranston Avenue (as it runs east-west becomes the elementary school boundary between Christ the King School and south Cranston school.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Blessed Cardinal Newman at 403-500-2092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ross". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Ross,
Superintendent, Area D Schools