

Prince of Peace School Questions & Answers with the Principal

April 28, 2016

Category	Question
Before & After School Care	<p>Question: Will Prince of Peace school have a “Before and After school program”?</p> <p>Answer: Due to our capacity (limited space due to our growth) there are no plans for any “Before or After school care programs” for our students.</p>
Kindergarten	<p>Question: How many kindergarten classes are there going to be? How many students per class? Who decides who will attend in the morning or afternoon?</p> <p>Answer: We currently have three morning classes and two afternoon classes of Kindergarten students for the upcoming school year. When you registered your child to attend Kindergarten at Prince of Peace school, you indicated a preference for the morning or afternoon class. The registrations are numbered as they have been received. Preference is given in the order they were received. We will be sending confirmation of the AM or PM class placements as soon as possible.</p> <p>IMPORTANT MEETING: We will be hosting a Kindergarten orientation on June 1st at 7:00 pm in the Gymnasium at Christ the King School (333 Cranston Way SE). At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers and learn about the kindergarten program.</p>
Current Enrollment	<p>Question: I would like to know if there is an idea on class sizes/number of students per class, specifically for elementary.</p> <p>Question: Do you know how many grade 7 students you have registered so far?</p> <p>Answers: Our enrollment numbers will continue to fluctuate this spring as new students register, therefore, we will not have our exact class sizes until the beginning of the school year. Like all other district schools, we follow the guidelines provided by our district as well as Alberta Education.</p>
CTK and Don Bosco continued enrollment	<p>Question: Do we need to register our kids from CTK & Don Bosco?</p> <p>Answer: If you have notified your current school – then you will be automatically enrolled through our Power School system.</p>

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Class placement requests	<p>Question: Is it possible to request class placement for my child?</p> <p>Answer: We will work with our feeder schools to gather teacher/administration input for class placements, therefore, no class placement requests will be taken.</p>
Future Enrollment / Growth of our School	<p>Question: If this school is capped will we be moved again from this school and displaced to another? How will the process work?</p> <p>Question: Will younger siblings who are not school aged be grandfathered in in the event the school is full?</p> <p>Answers: Calgary Catholic School District will provide direction as our school population grows. In the past we have held “Help Plan our Future” (HPOF) parental input meetings. Based on future growth, parental input and District direction, decisions will be made regarding boundaries and potential student redirection. The HPOF meetings will gather feedback and direction whether or not we can grandfather younger siblings.</p> <p>Question: Please let me know if there is a priority list or procedure in place for registering students for future kindergarten years.</p> <p>Answer: At this time, we have begun to take contact information for future registration. Please contact the school at 403-500-2125 for more information.</p>
Bell Times	<p>Question: I was wanting to know when we will find out the schools bell times?</p> <p>Answer: On May 11, 2016, we received confirmation of our bus times from the transportation department and can now confirm our bell times 8:45 am morning entrance bell and 3:20 pm Dismissal bell. Those who qualify for busing will arrive at approximately 8:40 am and depart at 3:30 pm. https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace/Students/belltimes/</p>

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Athletics / Sports Teams	<p>Question: We would like know what sports teams there will be?</p> <p>Answer: Please check the following web site for a description of all sports offered in Calgary Catholic. We plan to offer all of the CCSD athletics based on student interest. https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace/Athletics</p>
Transportation	<p>Question: Can we access transportation from our daycare address to Prince of Peace School if the daycare address is outside the school's designated boundaries and our home address is within the walk limit?</p> <p>Answer: For all students accessing transportation to Prince of Peace School, you may request a pickup & drop-off address which is different than your home address. The following conditions apply though:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K- Gr. 6 children home residence is outside the 1.2 walk limit are eligible for transportation. • The caregiver's address must also be within the school boundary and over 1.2 km from the school to qualify for transportation. • A closer bus stop will not be added for a caregiver's address that is closer than 800 meters to an existing bus stop on the route. <p>Question: Is there a clearer picture or street names to show where the bussing access will be?</p> <p>Answer: There is a photo map on our website at https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace We also encourage all families to visit us in our temporary office at Don Bosco school (13615 Deer Ridge Drive SE) to view the transportation map and fill out the transportation forms. In order to plan bus routes over the summer, it is important to submit your transportation forms ASAP. Forms were given at the opening parent meeting and the May 10th deadline was posted on our website.</p>
Traffic Safety	<p>Question: Is the district working with the community and city on cross walks? Our traffic moves quickly on the main roads all around that school. I'm concerned about this greatly.</p> <p>Answer: This decision is made by the City of Calgary and not the Calgary Catholic School District. Prince of Peace School will</p>

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	create “Kiss and Go’ types of areas to facilitate safe student drop off zones.
School Supplies	<p>Question: Regarding school supplies? Will we be able to order school kits?</p> <p>Answer: We have secured a company called <i>School Start</i> to provide an option to families to purchase their school supplies through their online ordering service. Once we finalize the supply lists they will be posted on our website.</p>
Snow Removal	<p>Question: Can we expect the pathways through the field surrounding the school to be cleared for winter being that a large number of students will be crossing the fields.</p> <p>Answer: CCSD district is responsible for clearing snow on school property. Sideways and pathways are cleared by either the City of Calgary or the community developer – therefore, pathways will not be cleared by the school.</p>
Early Dismissals	<p>Question: I had heard a rumour that Prince of Peace may have Friday afternoons off (like many public schools). However, this usually means hours are added elsewhere - i.e. cut recess times. Is this a possibility?</p> <p>Answer: Prince of Peace will not have early dismissals in the timetable. This link shows all of the District early dismissal dates for 2016/17 https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace/Calendar</p>
Fundraising / Volunteering	<p>Question: How long does it typically take for the playground fundraising/building to begin?</p> <p>Answer: Playground fundraising and building will depend on the type of playground our families will choose. Our school council executive is now in place and we are looking for a playground lead volunteer to begin the process of fundraising for the playground.</p> <p>Question: We are still interested in volunteering for a committee (i.e. Fundraising) for Prince of Peace school. Can we still put our name forward to assist?</p>

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	<p>Answer: At Prince of Peace School, it is never too late to lend a helping hand. While we have a list of willing volunteers, we will continue to add to our lists and encourage parents to send in their names to our secretary at donna.johnson@cssd.ab.ca and you will be added to the list. Currently, we continue to look for parents to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising committee • Special Events • Hot Lunch/Special Lunch • Please note that all volunteers will have to attend a volunteer orientation in the fall. These will be held in the first weeks of school and the dates and times will be posted on the website.
Learning Commons	<p>Question: Will books/learning commons be available to students during the first year? Answer: All books and learning commons resources have been ordered and will be available to all students in the first year.</p> <p>Question: Are fundraising efforts needed to purchase books for the learning commons? Answer: No fundraising will be needed to purchase any resources for the learning commons.</p>
Lunch Room	<p>Question: Will the students have a lunch room verses sitting on the floor. Answer: Calgary Catholic Schools are not built or equipped with lunch rooms. We will certainly be offering nutritional options for families to purchase in our canteen. As in many of our other CCSD schools, students will be gathered with classmates to eat their food in a designated location such as the gathering area or gymnasium.</p>
Communication	<p>Question: Can a texting system be set up as opposed to just a Twitter account? Answer: Prince of Peace school is pleased to announce that we will be using an absentee phone call out system. SchoolConnects Automated Notification Service can quickly deliver a wide variety of messages by phone, email and SMS text to parents and our</p>

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	staff. It will enhance communication within our school community and improve our emergency preparedness.
Construction	<p>Question: Did I hear right. School will open on time.</p> <p>Answer: Construction timelines are currently on schedule. Please check for construction updates on our website https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace</p>
Church	<p>Question: Will Mass be held on-site in cooperation with Saint Albert the Great?</p> <p>Answer: We will work with our parish priest from St. Albert the Great to provide liturgical celebrations at both the school and at the Parish. However, at this time St. Albert the Great feeder schools are not holding before school or after school masses.</p>
Allergy Policy	<p>Question: Is there a specific allergy policy?</p> <p>Answer: On the first day of school an extensive package will be sent home with your child and one of the items covered is medical conditions and allergies. We want to collect this information in a timely fashion so we can have appropriate protocols in place to ensure student safety. We are aware that a number of students have nut allergies. Prevention is of course the best approach in reducing the risk of severe reaction. Therefore, we will request staff and student cooperation in refraining from sending food products containing nuts to school. All schools are peanut aware environments and not peanut free. Safety plans will be put in place for those students with severe medical conditions.</p>
Spanish Classes	<p>Question: Will Spanish be offered in any classes?</p> <p>Answer: Prince of Peace will offer the CTF (Career & Technology Foundations) Alberta Learning Program of Studies in Grades 7-9.</p> <p>Students will be given various options based on student interest and staff expertise. There will be no Spanish offered at this time.</p>