



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2016

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten – Grade 4 Currently Residing in New Brighton and Attending St. Albert the Great School,

In preparation for the opening of the New Brighton 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 New Brighton 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 location for our students based on the scheduled opening of the New Brighton building late fall/Christmas. As described in the February 8, 2016 letter to the New Brighton school community, a “school within a school” model is described as follows:

- The New Brighton 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 Brighton 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 St. Albert the Great School. In addition, if student enrolment is high enough to warrant additional space, the District will review options of modular usage on the New Brighton school site.

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

- *K-5 students residing in New Brighton currently attending St. Albert the Great School move to New Brighton school.*
- *New Brighton school students, from opening school date, will be able to request to attend St. Albert the Great pending room and resources – no transportation provided.*



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 14, 2016

Dear Parents of Grade 5 Students Residing in New Brighton and Currently Attending St. Albert the Great,

In June, 2015, a decision with respect to students who will be in Grade 6 in 2016-2017 was deferred. The letter stated:

Consultation regarding Grade 6's attending St. Albert the Great School in Spring 2016 to determine if there will be a first year Grade 6 class at New Brighton School.

On February 23, 2016 parents received a letter asking them to provide the district with an expression of intent for the 2016-2017 school year. We have now heard from 100 % of parents, and are able to inform you that there will not be a Grade 6 class when the New Brighton School opens. This means the designated school for students residing in New Brighton and entering Grade 6 in September 2016 is St. Albert the Great.

Transportation will be provided to eligible students in Grade 6. Please note that there will be no district transportation for K-5 students residing in New Brighton who elect to attend St. Albert the Great.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the parents of the New Brighton community as we continue to prepare for the opening of our new Catholic school in New Brighton.

Sincerely,

Mike Ross
Superintendent, Area D Schools

St. Albert THE Great School

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Dear New Brighton Families attending St. Albert the Great School,

St. Albert the Great School administration wishes to provide clarity regarding requests from parents living in the community of New Brighton for their children to register at our school based on the decisions made following Help Plan Our Future public consultation meetings in the spring of 2015. Some parents with children already attending St. Albert are assuming that preschool aged siblings are automatically grandfathered to attend St. Albert. This is not the case. The June 18, 2015 letter from the District was sent out with several key points that guide registrations at St. Albert the Great School. Significant quotes from the letter are as follows:

- Students and future siblings from New Brighton boundary may request to attend St. Albert the Great School based on available room and resources - transportation not provided.
- St. Albert the Great School is the designated junior high school for New Brighton boundary area students.

As well, in the letter sent home on April 11th, 2016, parents were provided with further information regarding the status of St. Albert the Great registrations. This letter contained the message:

- New Brighton students, from opening school date will be able to request to attend St. Albert the Great School pending room and resources – no transportation provided. Although this procedure is still in effect, room and resources at St. Albert the Great School are now limited and parents can expect future requests from New Brighton residents will not be accommodated.

Based on the current population trends of St. Albert the Great School, school administration needs to ensure there is ample room for future Junior high students from both our school and St. Marguerite School. Therefore we need to be cautious in admitting students from outside our elementary boundary area, including students from the community of New Brighton.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Fradette, St. Marguerite School at 403-500-2127 or Mr. Stankowski at St. Albert the Great School at 403-500-2114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Stankowski".

Blair Stankowski
Principal, St. Albert the Great School



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 18, 2015

Dear Parents and Residents of the St. Albert the Great School Community,

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) and St. Albert the Great School administration wish to thank the residents of the St. Albert the Great School community, as well as parents from St. Boniface and St. William schools, for their participation and recommendations as the boundaries for the upcoming New Brighton school and their influence on the larger St. Albert the Great school community have been considered. In particular, we wish to recognize the school council members who attended the March 16, 2015 school council meeting as well as current families and Catholic residents of the school community who attended the public participation process session on April 20, 2015 at St. Albert the Great School. As presented at all the meetings, boundary decisions for all three new Catholic schools in south east Calgary and their subsequent impact on multiple schools are interconnected and as a result, an all-inclusive approach has been taken.

All current enrolment, registration procedures and practices will remain in place for all impacted schools during the 2015-2016 school year. The three new schools are expected to be operational for the 2016-2017 school year, and the following school boundary decisions will come into effect at that time:

- K-5 students residing in New Brighton currently attending St. Albert the Great School move to New Brighton School. This includes students currently redirected to St. William School.
- Consultation regarding Grade 6's attending St. Albert the Great School in Spring 2016 to determine if there will be a first year Grade 6 class at New Brighton School.
- New Brighton School students, from opening school date, will be able to request to attend St. Albert the Great School pending room and resources – no transportation provided.
- New Brighton School is expected to exceed capacity several years after opening date. When capacity is reached, overflow students will be redirected to St. Albert the Great, district transportation provided based on distance from school as per district procedures.
- Students and future siblings from New Brighton boundary area may request to attend St. Albert the Great School based on available room and resources – transportation not provided.
- Students currently redirected to St. Boniface School from Prestwick move to St. Albert the Great School.
- St. Albert the Great School is the designated junior high school for New Brighton boundary area students.
- St. Albert the Great School no longer needs to redirect junior high students to St. Bonaventure School.

As has been district practice with each new school, residents in New Brighton may expect further public participation with respect to the development of the School Administrator's Profile, which will help guide the selection of the principal for the new school.

In its ongoing planning efforts, the district will continue to review population and transportation trends on a yearly basis. If necessary, CCSD will continue to engage the community when potential revisions are being discussed.