



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents of the St. Isabella Attendance Area,

The Calgary Catholic School District implemented restricted enrolment procedures at St. Isabella School in the fall of 2013 due to excessive demand for registrations at the school. Students were originally redirected to Don Bosco School, then in June 2015, they were provided the opportunity to attend a school closer to the St. Isabella School attendance area, Blessed Cardinal Newman School. These restricted growth letters and pertinent information are all documented on the St. Isabella website for your review. <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stisabella/Pages/default.aspx>. The restricted enrolment procedures have continued to be implemented and currently over 150 students are on waitlists for St. Isabella School.

I write to you at this time to share that although restricted enrolment will continue with no changes in the procedures at St. Isabella School, based upon recent school openings and enrolment growth in SE Calgary there is an option and opportunity for wait-listed residents of the St. Isabella School attendance area to consider effective September 2018:

- Catholic residents living in the St. Isabella School attendance area who are not able to attend the school due to restricted enrolment procedures are welcome to contact St. Marguerite School administration (403-500-2127) to request to attend that school. St. Marguerite will be accepting registrations based on available facility and resources at the school. St. Marguerite is a kindergarten – Grade 6 school located in New Brighton, a close distance to the St. Isabella attendance area.
- If a student attends St. Marguerite School, the student may remain at the school until he/she has completed Grade 6 or, if desired, until space becomes available and the student is able to attend St. Isabella, their original attendance area school.
- Transportation for K-6 students from the St. Isabella attendance area to St. Marguerite is not provided and will be the responsibility of the family.
- Junior high students will continue to attend St. Isabella. Those students who are not able to attend due to lack of room at St. Isabella will continue to be waitlisted and will therefore attend Blessed Cardinal Newman School, transportation provided as per regular district practice.
- Blessed Cardinal Newman School will continue to be the official designated school for students in grades K – 9 not able to access St. Isabella School with transportation provided.

The district will continue to review population and transportation trends at St. Isabella and St. Marguerite on an annual basis. As necessary, we will engage the community if potential revisions are required in the future.

Thank you for considering this option and opportunity as you make decisions regarding your child's education.

Sincerely,

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