

CATHOLIC BOARD APPROVES CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FULL SIZE GYM AT O'GORMAN INTERMEDIATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is excited to announce the construction of a modern new gymnasium at O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School (OICS).



The school has experienced rising enrolment which has created a need for additional teaching space. The existing gymnasium will be converted into classrooms, with a brand new gymnasium to be added at the rear of the school. This new full size gym will feature additional change room and shower facilities, as well as a folding partition wall.

Chair of the Board, Colleen Landers, believes that this new project will enable the Board to accommodate the learning needs of intermediate students, while benefitting the community at-large. "We credit the energetic team of teachers and support staff at OICS for the inflow of students, as they have fostered a dynamic learning environment," explained Landers. "This growth has generated a need to expand the school in order to allow the continuation of the many programs that are already in place, including instrumental and vocal music, construction technology, family studies, nutrition and physical education program. This new sporting facility will benefit students from throughout the district by providing a new regulation size venue to host a broader range of sports tournament."

OICS Principal, Darren Berthier, is thrilled that the Board will be investing in sustained growth at his intermediate school. "Renovations were duly required in order to accommodate the inflow of students into our Catholic school community," stated Berthier. "The decision to proceed with the addition of a new gymnasium will enhance our programming abilities particularly in the area of physical education, a key contributor to the cardio-vascular health of our students. Our school is a leader in the promotion of physical fitness of our youth. For the past several years, we have been recognized by the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) for our "Quality Daily Physical Education" (ODPE) program. The new facilities will also allow us to expand on these opportunities and provide more adequate training facilities for our athletes, the Junior Knights."

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