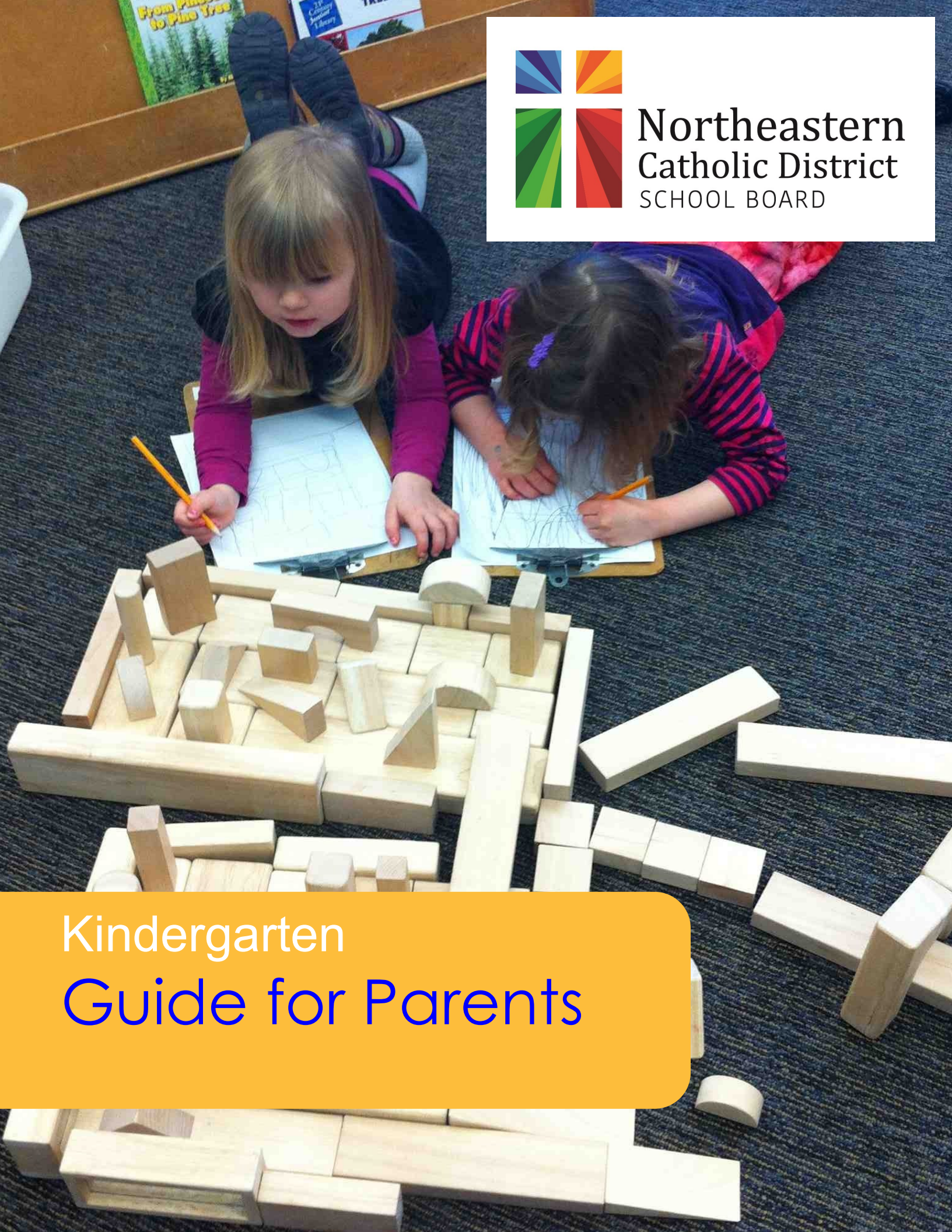




Northeastern
Catholic District
SCHOOL BOARD



Kindergarten Guide for Parents

Welcome

One of the things that makes Catholic education truly unique is that we integrate Catholic beliefs and values into the required subject areas provided by the Ministry of Education.



**Child, give me
your hand that
I may walk in
the light of
your faith.**

Hannah Kahn

Recognizing that all children arrive at school with different backgrounds and experiences, as well as being at different stages of development, we value each child's God-given uniqueness. Through engaging, play-based and creative kindergarten learning activities, your child will continue to grow as a faith-filled, lifelong learner.

Your child's education is a shared responsibility between the home and the school. We encourage you to be involved in your child's learning by actively participating in the life of the school community that you have chosen for your child.

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Registering for Kindergarten

WHEN CAN MY CHILD BEGIN SCHOOL?

We welcome students to enroll in Junior Kindergarten in September of the calendar year during which they become four years of age. Students turning 5 years of age during the calendar year of registration will be enrolled in Senior Kindergarten.

HOW CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Registration at all NCDSB schools begins in January of each year and carries on through the beginning of school in September. You can register your child online at www.ncdsb.on.ca by clicking the *Online Registration Request* button

Once you submit the on-line registration form, you will need to visit with the school principal to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items during this visit:

- **Proof of Student Name and Age**
(Birth Certificate, Certificate of Canadian Citizenship, Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad, Passport, Permanent Resident Card, Record of Landing)
- **Proof of Current Residential Address**
(Purchase/Rental/Lease agreement, Utility statement, Bank document)
- **Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificates**
(For the student, and the parent/guardian, if applicable)
- **Student Immunization Record**
(Current updated record detailing immunizations received or official exemption record)



Health and Immunizations

HEALTH CARDS

New rules introduced in the Personal Health Information and Protection (PHIPA) means that school boards no longer collect health card information. Your child's health card is not required

IMMUNIZATIONS

Your local public health unit will provide detailed immunization requirements and procedures. Please visit www.porcupinehu.on.ca or www.timiskaminghu.com for details and contact information.



Directing Your Tax Support

OWNER AND TENANT PROPERTY TAX DIRECTION

Roman Catholic property owners and tenants in this province can choose to support, protect and preserve Catholic education for future generations. Remember that each time you move, your property tax reverts to "public school" support. Catholic school parents/electors/supporters are encouraged to continue to ensure they are registered appropriately. Forms can be obtained at the school to ensure your taxes are being directed appropriately.

Special Education

NCDSB is committed to providing programs and services to meet the diverse needs of all students within our Catholic schools. Specialized programs based on an inclusion model help students reach their full learning potential. Please be sure to indicate any special needs your child might have when meeting with the School Principal.

You will have an opportunity to meet the school team to discuss individualized programs, as required. Sharing information helps everyone understand what works best for your child. You may want to maintain a summary of your child's needs, agency involvement, physicians, triggers, milestones, to share with the school team.

Throughout the school year, the delivery of specialized programs by the classroom teacher is supported by a team of professionals and can include assistance from the school principal,

Tracking Your Child's Development

Looksee Checklist (formerly the Nipissing District Developmental Screen)

Monitoring your child's growth and development is vital. The looksee checklist is a simple, easy-to-use developmental tool designed to help monitor a child's development from 1 month to 6 years of age, featuring a short list of "yes" or "no" questions about the child's abilities. This will allow you to know that your child is progressing along in their development and will offer suggestions to support their growth. These checklists are free for residents of Ontario. Visit www.lookseechecklist.com to access the lists.

Your Child Will Learn and Experience...

FAITH FORMATION

A child's Catholic faith journey begins in the home and is supported first by the parish and then by the school. As the primary faith educator for your child be sure to:

- Talk to your child about the wonder of God's creation
- Worship and pray together
- Share religious stories
- Teach your child to be compassionate and to forgive others

The Religion program entitled "*In God's Image*" is used in Kindergarten classrooms. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed this excellent resource containing numerous songs, activities and prayers.

Things you can do:

- Pray with your child each day
- Practice the sign of the cross
- Engage in works of charity

AREAS OF LEARNING

- Personal and Social Development
- Language
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Health and Physical Activity
- The Arts



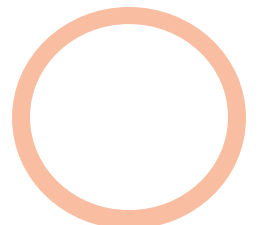
CHILD CARE

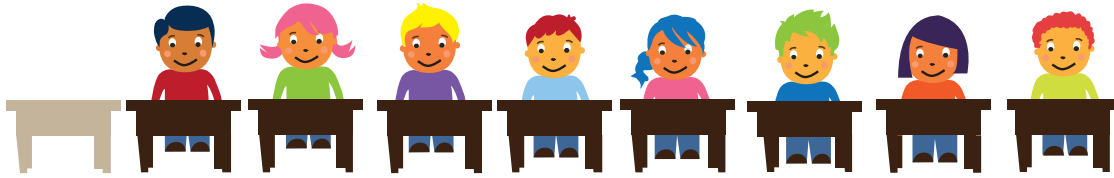
Please contact your Catholic school and inquire about Before and After School childcare as programs and availability may vary.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

Throughout the year, teachers and early childhood educators observe, assess and evaluate the progress of your child. Formal communication reporting happens three times a year in the form of a progress report and parent/teacher conference and two formal Communication of Learning reports.

We encourage you to contact your child's teacher whenever you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.





Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool: Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Early School Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills.
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade.
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break.

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to help your child develop strong attendance. Your enthusiasm is a big boost to success.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Share ideas with other parents for getting out the door on time

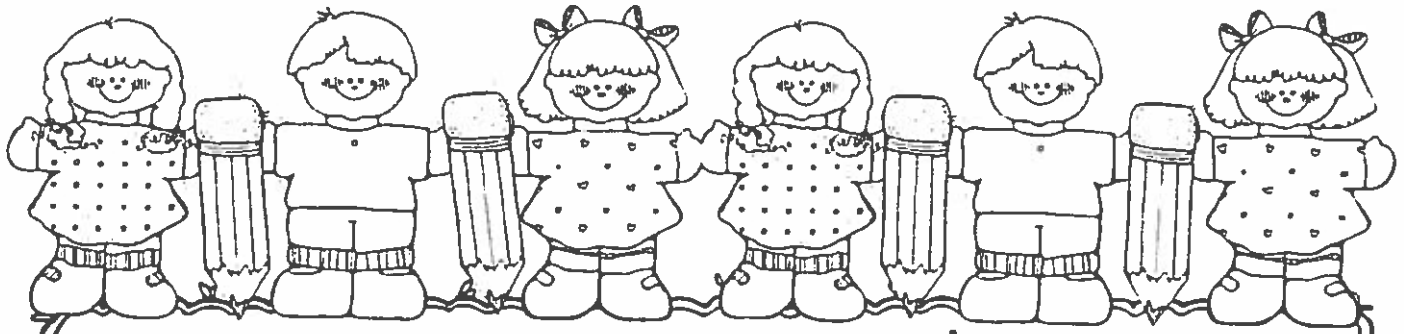
Before the school year starts:

- Find out what day preschool starts and start the exciting count down!
- Make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet the teachers and classmates.

Ready – Set GO!

- Develop back-up plans for getting to preschool if something comes up
- Ask family members, neighbors or other parents to lend a hand if you need help dropping off or picking up your child
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when preschool is not in session
- If your child seems anxious about going to preschool, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice. If the problem persists, make sure the program is a good fit for your child.





All About Me!

My name is: _____

I am _____ years old.

My birthday is _____.

I have _____ hair and _____ eyes.

I am ___ft. & ___in. tall. I weigh ___ pounds.

My favorites are:

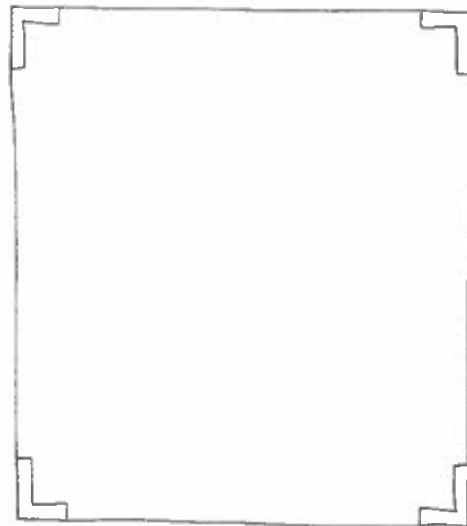
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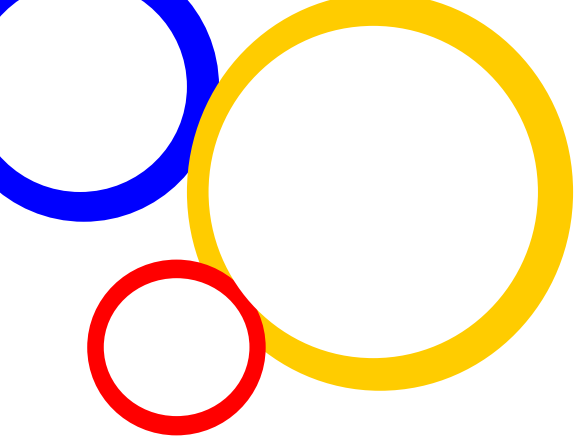
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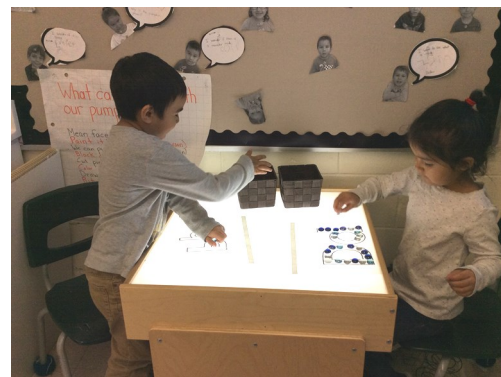
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Our Schools



Timmins

Pope Francis Elementary School

JK-5 English and French Immersion Programs

O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School

6-8 English and French Immersion Programs

O’Gorman High School

Grade 9-12

South Porcupine

St. Joseph School

JK-6 English Program

Iroquois Falls

St. Anne English Catholic School

JK-8 English and French Immersion Programs

Cochrane

Aileen Wright English Catholic School

JK-8 English Program

Kapuskasing

St. Patrick School

JK-8 English and French Immersion Programs

Kirkland Lake

St. Jerome School

JK-3 English and French Immersion Programs

Sacred Heart Catholic School

4-8 English and French Immersion Programs

Englehart

Holy Family School

JK-8 English Program

New Liskeard

English Catholic Central School

JK-8 English and 5-8 Extended French Program

Cobalt

St. Patrick Catholic School

JK-8 English Program

Moosonee

Bishop Belleau School

JK-8 English Program

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