



**Northeastern
Catholic District
SCHOOL BOARD**

TRANSITION UPDATE

December 20, 2016

POPE FRANCIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are very pleased to announce that Pope Francis Elementary School is the name to identify the new Kindergarten to Grade 4 school in Timmins. Work is now underway to identify the school colours and mascot which will be an integral part of building of a new school community.

TRANSITION TIMELINES

We wish to confirm that the transition of students will take place for September 2017, despite the fact that there may still be renovations at Pope Francis Elementary School. There were some suggestions that the transition would be delayed, but we have decided that we are able to transition everyone in September. This move will also help to minimize any possible mid-year disruptions, impacting things like student transportation. The senior team is developing a plan to address the many elements that must be addressed in preparation for the move of students and staff to their new learning spaces.

RENOVATIONS

Plans are only in the infancy stages at this time, though we know that the addition of learning space at Pope Francis Elementary School will be erected along Ninth Avenue. The current portapak will be kept in use for students in September and will only be removed once the addition is complete. The existing school will undergo significant renovations over the summer as well. We anticipate that these upgrades will be completed in time for the first day of school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindly note that Kindergarten Registration will take place at St. Paul School on January 30, 2017. This day of registration will welcome first year students to both the French Immersion and English language programs for September 2017.

Upon our return after the holidays, there will be lots of planning and work to do as we prepare to amalgamate our schools for September 2017. We are excited about the changes to come in this new year.

May you and your family enjoy a wonderful holiday season! Merry Christmas!