



**Northeastern
Catholic District**
SCHOOL BOARD

TRANSITION UPDATE

April 6, 2017

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Pope Francis Elementary School

We are very excited about the future design of Pope Francis Elementary School and look forward to sharing the plans with all families during an information session, as noted below. Over the past few days however, we have encountered construction challenges that are impacting our ability to open the school for September 2017 while ensuring the safety of our students and staff. We are currently exploring options. One such option will be to use Sacred Heart School for the 2017-2018 school year as a temporary site for the Pope Francis Elementary School family (all Kindergarten to Grade 4 students). This means that all students from St. Paul School and Sacred Heart School will come together as a new community at a temporary site.

We know that this plan is significantly different than our original renovation schedule, but our first priority is student and staff safety. The possibility of using Sacred Heart School as a temporary school site will provide us with the time and space required to complete the full school renovation and addition while ensuring safety and minimizing the impact of construction on student learning.

We recognize the significance of this solution on the St. Paul School and Sacred Heart School communities and will confirm our intentions as soon as we are able to do so. We will be in regular communication with our families as we continue through this process.

O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School

Everything is on schedule for the consolidation of Grade 5 and 6 students to O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School for September 2017. Transition activities are planned for our local students in grades 4, 5, and 6 from St. Paul School and Sacred Heart School to visit O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in the coming weeks. More information is forthcoming about these activities. We are very excited to welcome new students to the O’Gorman Intermediate family in September 2017!

Parent/Guardian Information Session

Wednesday, April 26th

6:30 p.m. St. Paul School

Please plan on joining members of our Transition Team Committee at an evening information session for all families impacted by the consolidation of schools from Sacred Heart School and St. Paul School (Kindergarten to Grade 4 students). The session will take place at St. Paul School, located at 387 Balsam Street North, Timmins.