

**Religious Expectations Agreement Form
for Sudbury Catholic *ELEMENTARY* Schools**

Thank you for choosing to send your son/daughter to Sudbury Catholic District School Board. We are pleased to welcome you to join us in living our mission:

To realize each student's potential within our inclusive Catholic learning community by nurturing and developing their mind, body and spirit.

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board is proud of our Catholic faith and traditions and embraces the opportunity to provide learning environments which assist each student to grow in the image of Christ. We do this by integrating the *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations* into all areas of our school curriculum from Kindergarten through to Grade 12, and in all aspects of school life.

The expectations for our Catholic school graduates are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes, and actions. The Catholic School Graduate is therefore, expected to be; a discerning believer; an effective communicator; a reflective, creative and holistic thinker; a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner; a collaborative contributor; a caring family member; and a responsible citizen.

Our religious expectations include the following:

1. The Catholic District School Boards of Ontario follow approved provincial curriculum. Given the distinctiveness of Catholic schools, the Government of Ontario recognizes parallel curricula for our Catholic system. All courses in all subject areas, in a Catholic school, are taught from a Catholic perspective. We are doing this by using our grade level "Essential Questions" as well as curriculum and resources designed for Catholic schools. When we ask these questions, we are infusing our distinctive Catholic teachings while integrating faith and culture into all aspects of school life.

Essential Questions:

- Where is God?
 - Who is God?
 - How are we members of God's family?
 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - What does Jesus ask of us?
 - How do we live in community?
 - How do we live in accordance with God's will?
 - What is our story?
 - How are we Church in the world?
2. All students participate in the prayer and liturgical life of the school. Catholic students are expected to participate fully as mandated by their sacramental Baptism. Non-Catholic students are expected to participate to the extent that they can. It is not the intention of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board to proselytize, however, for supervision, safety and community reasons, the entire school participates in all religious events that occur during the school year. At minimum, non-Catholic students will attend and maintain respectful silence at all religious observances. All students are encouraged to be involved and are included in all aspects of school life.
 3. Students requesting accommodations must present written notice from their parents/guardians specifying their accommodation needs relating to religious observances, including holy days on which they will be absent from school. This notice should be made in advance (preferably at the beginning

of each school year) to ensure that scheduling of major evaluations, such as tests, assignments or examinations, takes the religious observances into consideration.

We hope that your experiences at Sudbury Catholic District School Board will be rewarding, and we thank you for choosing Sudbury Catholic.

Comments:

I understand and accept the expectations as outlined above.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Date

Date

Principal's Signature

Date