



Sudbury Catholic District
School Board (SCDSB)

Kindergarten Program



Welcome to Kindergarten at SCDSB

Starting school is an important milestone for children and their families.

At SCDSB, we are committed to realizing each student's potential within our inclusive Catholic Learning Community by nurturing and developing their **mind**, **body** and **spirit**.



Giving Gratitude for the Land

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board consists of twelve elementary schools situated on Anishinaabe territory.

We acknowledge our role in Truth and Reconciliation, and strive to instil in all of our learners, a deep gratitude for the land and for the Indigenous peoples that came before us. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated Indigenous Support Workers in our schools, who provide authentic learning opportunities about Indigenous peoples and Indigenous ways of knowing and being.





Kindergarten at SCDSB

We believe that young children are curious, competent, and capable of learning. We are committed to providing high quality programming that enables your child to actively explore, discover, problem solve and make connections to the people and world around them.

At SCDSB:

- Kindergarten is offered in French Immersion or English.
- Kindergarten is a full-day program.
- Kindergarten is a two year program for students who are four and five years old.



Our Catholic Faith

We offer a high-quality, faith-based educational experience where our Catholic faith is integrated into all aspects of school life. Our educator teams begin with an understanding that each child is created in the image of God and they help each student come to a deeper understanding that they are a beloved child of God.

We provide age appropriate and engaging experiences that honour the liturgical year, discuss Catholic virtues and values, and foster a sense of gratitude and connection with God.

An essential question is asked throughout the Kindergarten program: **Where is God?** Students find God in every aspect of life and are able to articulate this in a variety of ways such as through stories, songs, drawings, and discussions.



The Four Frames Explained

The Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten program is a play-based program structured around four “frames”, or broad areas of learning.

The four frames of the Kindergarten program support child centred learning aimed to develop the whole child.

The four frames include:

- Belonging & Contributing
- Problem Solving & Innovating
- Self-Regulation & Well-Being
- Demonstrating Literacy & Mathematics Behaviours



Belonging and Contributing

In our classrooms, we prioritize creating a sense of **belonging** and community, echoing the teachings of Jesus. We foster positive relationships, helping children feel connected to their peers, educators, and the larger Catholic community. Through group activities, cooperative play, and collaborative projects, we instill a sense of responsibility and shared stewardship.



Problem Solving and Innovating

We believe in nurturing the God-given curiosity of our students. The **Problem Solving and Innovating** frame encourages children to think critically, ask questions, and explore solutions. Through inquiry-based learning, students develop problem-solving skills and a sense of curiosity that is guided by our Catholic faith.



Self-Regulation and Well-Being

Ensuring the well-being of our students is at the heart of our mission. The **Self-Regulation and Well-Being** frame reflects our commitment to the teachings of compassion and care. Programming includes activities that promote self-regulation, mindfulness, and a positive sense of well-being, grounded in the Gospel values of love and kindness. Through these experiences, children develop the skills needed to navigate and understand their emotions.



Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematical Behaviours

Literacy and mathematics are fundamental skills, and we approach their development with a commitment to academic excellence. Our curriculum incorporates a play-based and hands-on approach to these subjects, allowing children to explore and understand fundamental concepts through a Catholic lens. Whether through storytelling, counting games, or creative expression, we aim to build a strong foundation for future learning.



Our Kindergarten Team

Our team, including the Kindergarten Teacher, Early Childhood Educator and other dedicated staff work together to promote a play-based, inquiry learning environment that supports the development of the whole child.

Our schools also offer a partnership with childcare operators to provide students and families with programming through daycare centres, EarlyON centres, and before and after school programming.



Everyone is Welcome!

Every child is unique and special. Children in Kindergarten have a wide range of abilities, strengths and areas for growth. We warmly welcome all children and work collaboratively with families to ensure a successful transition into school.

Our priority is to ensure that all children have a positive and equitable experience in our schools.



Supporting All Children

We are committed to ensuring that all students with special needs receive appropriate supports.

We encourage you to **discuss the individual strengths and needs** of your child and **share any relevant documentation** and concerns with your **community school upon pre-registration**.

Students with **special education considerations** will have a **transition meeting** (in the spring) with the school team, SCDSB Special Education team, community partners and the family **to plan for your child's transition to Kindergarten**.





Things to Consider Before Starting School

- Have your child's vision checked
- Have your child's hearing checked
- Visit your family doctor and ensure your child's vaccinations are up-to-date
- Check out these helpful resources from Wordplay: Preschool Speech & Language Services
- Support your child to build social skills by taking part in preschool programming such as:
 - Children's Liturgies at your Parish
 - Early ON Centres
 - Storytime at a Greater Sudbury Public Library
 - Sudbury YMCA preschool programming
- Support your child to build self-help skills (toileting, dressing)
- Check out this helpful Welcome to Kindergarten Resource





Register for Kindergarten

At SCDSB, **all students** attend Kindergarten at their **home school**. To start the registration process, go to our [SCDSB Kindergarten page](#). Your child must be born in 2021 to register for Kindergarten.

To help you get started:

- Use the [school locator](#) to determine your home school.
- Create a [parent account](#) or log into your [existing account](#).
- You will require the following documentation to complete the pre-registration process:
 - **Proof of Age** (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Record, Passport)
 - **Citizenship** (Birth Certificate, Passport, Permanent Residence Card, Record of Landing)
 - **Proof of Address** (telephone bill, driver's licence, bank statement, income tax form, rental or lease agreement, hydro bill, water bill, etc.)
 - **Immunization Record**





Your Kindergarten Adventure Begins at SCDSB...





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Thursday, January 23, 2025

Kindergarten Registration Night

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Visit your neighbourhood school to learn more about
what we have to offer.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



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