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# Explore GSACRD's Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Programs

2021 Information Guide

*Great beginnings  
start here!*

Faith in Our Students

Greater St. Albert  
Catholic Schools





# Pre-Kindergarten

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' pre-kindergarten program offers learning opportunities in all areas of Early Childhood development. Our staff includes certified teachers, educational assistants and specialists/therapists who help children of all abilities become confident learners.

Your child will gain skills through play, inquiry, creativity, problem solving, social interaction as well as early literacy, language and numeracy activities.

- Our programs are designed for children 2.8 to 4.8 years of age who qualify for Alberta Education funding for a one or two year placement in our program.
- Children who do not qualify for funding may be enrolled for their year prior to kindergarten if space permits. Fees apply.

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN LOCATIONS

Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School 780.458.6101	Vital Grandin Catholic School 780.459.7734
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy 587.764.0420	Legal School 780.961.3791



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN INQUIRY FORM

To find out about a possible placement in one of our programs, parents fill out this [Pre-Kindergarten Inquiry Form](#). It is also found on the [Pre-K page of our website](#).

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Once the Inquiry Form is submitted, our Early Learning Coordinator will contact you if a screen is required. A screening session will help determine if your child will qualify for funding. Note: if an assessment has already been done, a screen may not be required.

## INFORMATION

Plan to attend our [Pre-K & Kinder Virtual EXPO](#) and our school virtual open houses. You may also phone [780-459-7711](#) for more information.

**Parents provide transportation to pre-kindergarten.**

# Kindergarten

Kindergarten is truly a place for your child to grow and learn. Our faith-based kindergarten programs nurture the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual needs of your child.

To enroll in kindergarten, children **must turn 5 years old by December 31**. We offer a range of program options for your child and family. Contact your school regarding the programs they offer. Visit the [Kindergarten page on our website](#) for more information.

## FRENCH IMMERSION

Getting an early start gives your child more time to become comfortable with a French language classroom before moving to grade one

## REGULAR KINDERGARTEN

This is half day programming for children. Programs are offered in either morning or afternoon classes.

## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

This is a program choice for families. In the full day program, your child will experience expanded learning opportunities. Fees apply.

## PROGRESSIVE KINDERGARTEN

Another program of choice that offers half day classes until the end of March. For the remainder of the year, children attend full day which provides an excellent transition to grade one. Fees apply.

## KINDERGARTEN LOCATIONS

**Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School**  
(English) [780.459.4478](#)

**Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School**  
(English) [780.458.6101](#)

**École Father Jan School**  
(French Immersion) [780.458.3300](#)

**École Marie Poburan Elementary School**  
(English) [780.458.1112](#)

**J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School**  
(English) [780.418.6330](#)

**Neil M. Ross Catholic School**  
(English) [780.459.1244](#)

**Sister Alphonse Academy**  
(English) [780.809.2996](#)

**Vital Grandin Catholic School**  
(English) [780.459.7734](#)

**Legal School**  
(English) [780.961.3791](#)

**École Notre Dame Elementary School**  
(English and French Immersion) [780.939.4020](#)

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**  
(English) [780.764.0420](#)





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# French Immersion

## K TO 12

French Immersion is known all over the world as the “Great Canadian Invention” that worked. The French Immersion program is designed for children whose parents do not usually speak French. Children with all types of academic ability can succeed in French Immersion. Many parents and students consider a proficiency of more than one language a valuable investment in the future. Learning subjects in French does not interfere with English language or first language development, in fact, it improves it! Bilingual language program enrolments are on the rise across the country!

Students in French Immersion programs are:

- Accomplished with divergent thinking tasks and with memory ability.
- Strong in their first language skills.
- Better with cross-cultural skills and communicating effectively with people of diverse backgrounds.
- Able to connect with world markets, governments and people; enabling a wide range of opportunities in national and international settings.

- Attractive to employers for their extensive communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and global and cultural citizenship skills.

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is proud of our **French Immersion programs**. Our schools that offer French Immersion provide parallel English and French Immersion classes; students are taught the same curriculum as if they were in an English program. Our French Immersion students receive thousands of scholarship dollars, and are ranked at the top provincially for academics.

### SCHOOLS OFFERING FRENCH IMMERSION

**École Father Jan**  
780.458.3300

**École Georges H. Primeau**  
780.939.3593

**École Marie Poburan**  
780.458.1112

**École Notre Dame**  
780.939.4020

**École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School**  
780.459.7781

**École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville**  
780.459.5702

**Morinville Community High School**  
780.939.6891

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME ALL

## Why Attend a Catholic School?

We recognize students as gifts from God and welcome students from all religious backgrounds who wish to participate in a Catholic school environment. Prayer is an integral part of our environment. Many parents of non-Catholic Christian denominations, or no particular faith, are highly satisfied with our programs.

A commitment to a Christ-centered education is reflected in our schools. The uniqueness of our Catholic tradition has been integrated into the curriculum and is evident in the spirit of our schools. We are proud of our very high performing school results. In addition, student engagement in social justice awareness and service, along with placement in highly rated post-secondary schools contribute to fulfilling career paths.

More information about a faith-based education is available on [our website](#).

Our school Division continues to provide a heritage of excellence rooted in and centered on the gospel. In this environment, an individual can develop his/her potential to the maximum.

This development includes:

- Christian Attitudes
- Liturgical Formation
- Academic Skills
- Service Opportunities

Our greatest assets are our well-trained dedicated teachers and staff who provide the model and example for our children.