

May 29, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware, at its regular meeting of May 27, 2014, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board approved the following resolution regarding the Pupil Accommodation Review for Corpus Christi and John XXIII Schools:

THAT Corpus Christi and John XXIII schools be consolidated into a dual-track Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 school at the John XXIII School site, effective September 2014.

This decision supports the recommendation of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) which began its work in November 2013 and submitted its final report to the Director of Education in March 2014, following four Public Meetings and seven working sessions.

In making the recommendation to the Board, the Accommodation Review Committee and senior administration have identified a number of benefits and positive long-term results from the consolidation of the two schools:

- Consolidating John XXIII and Corpus Christi schools at John XXIII into a dual-track school will allow the continuation of both Regular English and Early French Immersion programming, allowing parents to have children in different programs while attending the same school.
- Consolidation will permit more rich opportunities for students, including: a full complement of extracurricular activities; fewer itinerant staff; enhanced culture (diversity, increase in student peer relationships); greater team teaching opportunities with a larger staff; more parents for volunteer opportunities; and greater program offerings.
- John XXIII would offer an improved physical environment: sidewalks for walking safety; full-sized gymnasium; larger parking area and a more optimal transportation loading and unloading zone.
- A rise in enrolment will increase administrative support at the consolidated school.
- Consolidating into a K to 8 school will eliminate one transition for Grade 6 students at Corpus Christi, and provides greater leadership opportunities for the intermediate students.
- Other financial benefits of consolidating two schools include bringing resources together from both schools i.e., technology, larger fundraising group, educational resources, sports equipment and playground equipment, and a reduction to field trip transportation costs.

We will ensure that our two school communities are actively engaged in planning together for a smooth and positive transition and in the formation of a newly combined school community.

We extend our appreciation to the Accommodation Review Committee for their dedicated work in this endeavour and we thank you for your patience, involvement and input throughout the entire process.

Prayerful best wishes,



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