

January 11, 2024

Dear Christ the King Families,

This letter is to inform you about upcoming changes beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Christ the King Catholic Elementary/Junior High School is dealing with exceptional enrolment growth, and the current number of students is greater than what the school was built for. The school is currently over capacity by 273 students. We must implement temporary measures to stabilize the learning environments that have been put under tremendous pressure due to unprecedented, rapidly increasing enrolment.

Temporary Changes Beginning in the 2024-2025 School Year

Effective September 2024, Christ the King Catholic Elementary/Junior High School will serve students from Grades 1-9.

Kindergarten students from the CTK attendance area will be redirected to Anne Fitzgerald Catholic Elementary School (699 Clareview Road NW), which will offer Half-Day Kindergarten programming. These students will be transported by yellow school bus for their Kindergarten year. CTK Kindergarten students attending Anne Fitzgerald will return to Christ the King for Grade 1 so that they can complete their Elementary and Junior High experience in their neighbourhood school.

If a redirected student decides to stay at Anne Fitzgerald beyond the 2024-2025 school year, transportation will not be provided.

This decision was challenging and complex. We reviewed the feedback we received from families through the online survey to identify a temporary solution that would best support our students and ensure that we are offering the best possible educational experience for them.

Kindergarten at Anne Fitzgerald Catholic Elementary School

Anne Fitzgerald Catholic Elementary School is located at 699 Clareview Road NW. You can learn more about the school by visiting <u>annefitzgerald.ecsd.net</u> or attending the school's Open House on March 14 at 5:00 PM.

New Catholic K-9 School in Crystallina Nera East

The temporary measures are designed to bridge the time as we await the construction of the new school in Crystallina Nera East. The project received pre-planning funding in the <u>2023 Alberta Budget</u>. We cannot begin construction until we receive full construction funding. Typically, once we receive full funding for a project after the design phase is complete, it takes two years for a K-9 school to be built.



This means that if we were to receive full funding (design and construction funding) for the project in Spring 2024, the new school would likely open in September 2027.

Once the new school opens in Crystallina Nera East, Christ the King will return to a K-9 school. A new school in the area is the only long-term solution to the overcrowding at CTK.

We want to thank everyone who took the time to fill out a survey or attend our in-person engagement session. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) has been developed and posted to the CTK website to help answer some of your questions.

If you require more information on the temporary measures, contact Educational Planning at 780-441-6010 or ecsdplanning@ecsd.net. Transportation inquiries may be directed to 780-441-6078 or transportationservices@ecsd.net.

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