

Registering for Kindergarten

When you visit one of our Catholic schools, ask for our package of information. It has all the details you will need to make getting ready for Kindergarten fun and easy for you and your child.

To register in one of our Catholic schools, you will require certain documents, including the baptismal certificate of your child or of one of the parents. And our dedicated staff is ready to answer any questions you may have.

To find out more or to know which school your child will attend, you can call the Catholic school in your neighbourhood or visit our website at www.smcdsb.on.ca

Joining Us for Your Child's Learning Journey

Kindergarten is just the beginning of a wonderful and exciting learning journey. We sincerely look forward to you and your child joining our Catholic community for that journey.

We believe in our schools, in the gift of Catholic education and in our promise of exceptional learning. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share those beliefs with us.

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Getting Ready for
Kindergarten

Our Vision: We are a faith-filled
Catholic learning community
dedicated to excellence



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Welcome to Catholic Education



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Introducing You to Kindergarten

Time goes by quickly. Your child has grown and developed so much already, and now it is time for you to consider where he or she will attend Kindergarten.

You have an important decision to make and we are here to help. Kindergarten is a significant milestone and the beginning of a lifelong, faith-filled learning journey. Your child has a promising future ahead and we hope you will give us the opportunity to nurture his or her social, physical, intellectual and spiritual growth.



Rooted in Faith

At the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, we believe there is something unique and truly special about an education that is rooted in faith. Part of our distinctiveness is our commitment to fostering a strong relationship between your home, our school and your parish.

There is also a wonderful sense of community in our Catholic schools – one that is bound together by faith, nurtured by a tremendously caring environment and is dedicated to exceptional learning.



In this brochure, we make reference to parents. Please be assured that these references equally apply to guardians.

Exceptional Programs

We are committed to your child's growth from Kindergarten right through to Grade 12. That is why our comprehensive Kindergarten program focuses on establishing a solid foundation for your child's future.

Recognizing that each student develops differently and is uniquely gifted by God, our team of professional staff strives to help all children reach their full potential. Learning in Kindergarten is based on the Ministry of Education's program and the *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations*, but we also take into account your child's readiness, interests and learning style.

In Kindergarten, your child will develop knowledge and skills in language, mathematics, science and technology, personal and social growth, faith and religion, health and physical education, and the arts – while having fun!



Inclusive and Safe Learning

We respect and celebrate children from a range of cultures and diverse backgrounds, and provide support to children who don't speak English as their first language. In addition, children with special needs will participate within the classroom in meaningful ways. It is important that all students feel that they belong.

We also focus on nurturing a safe and caring environment. Using our Catholic values as a guide, each school ensures that your child is safe and comfortable in our classrooms.



Parents as Partners

Our schools value parents as partners. We know that parents are the first and best teachers of their children. We look forward to fostering a positive relationship with you so that together we can achieve excellence in education for your child.