



St. Francis Catholic Elementary School...



Moving Forward

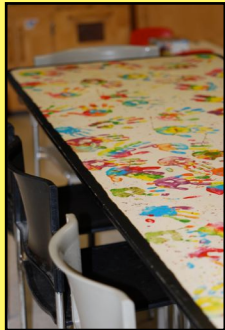
HOME OF THE FLAMES



St. Francis Catholic Elementary School was established in 1970 and offers both regular (English), and French Immersion programming. Beginning in September, 2011, St. Francis will be a Junior Kindergarten (Early Learning Kindergarten Program) to Grade 6 school and will continue to offer high-quality, faith-based learning. Over the past year, the Sudbury Catholic District School Board has committed to the renewal and rejuvenation of St. Francis with a \$ 3,000,000 investment. Phase one was completed by September 2010, and phase two is scheduled for completion by September 2011. Through this capital commitment, the Sudbury Catholic District School Board reinforces its dedication to faith-filled, enriched student learning and the long-term viability of St. Francis Catholic Elementary School in the south end.

School/Community Partnerships

St. Francis is fortunate to have an established partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury and its Best Start Program for pre-school family orientated programs. The St. Francis Best Start Hub offers children and their families a place to meet, to learn and to grow together.



Through the Jubilee Centre, St. Francis is able to offer a before-and-after school program that provides an affordable, high quality, engaging learning environment that supports the needs of all children and families in the community. This centre offers a positive, kind and respectful learning atmosphere for all participating children.



Phase One

There is increased natural light benefits through the addition of numerous exterior windows. This natural light will lessen demands on electricity, an important factor in today's energy-conscious world, as well as reduce eyestrain, and increase productivity in the classroom.



The installation of a new energy-efficient boiler lowers energy costs and provides better air quality and thermal comfort for the school community.





Green technology has been incorporated including the use of solar energy through the installation of solar panels on the gym roof.

The installation of a new barrier-free elevator ensures accessibility to all areas of the school.



Gymnasium renovations includes a new synthetic sports floor that can now accommodate a multitude of high-performance sporting events. As well, new lighting has been installed which includes energy efficient lighting technology.



Aligned to the vision of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, St. Francis continues to invest in technology to support the achievement of all learners.



Along with an outdoor play structure, the creation of an adapted indoor play area for early learning programming allows for a safe, additional indoor play area well-suited for younger, smaller students.



Existing blackboards have been replaced with whiteboards to provide a chalk-free environment for the students.



New vinyl flooring has replaced all existing carpeted areas.



Phase Two

Phase Two will include the following enhancements and renovations to St. Francis Catholic Elementary School:



- addition of a new main entrance vestibule to provide a bright, open space and cover existing stairs and ramp area
- installation of wireless technology throughout the school
- installation of a Soundfield system that is designed to deliver even amplification of the teacher's voice to all students in the classroom, regardless of where they are seated.
- continue the replacement and installation of additional energy efficient windows and doors
- improve exterior aesthetics with the introduction of landscaped islands within the play areas in order to provide shaded areas for students
- new mechanical ventilation system to enhance indoor air quality
- replace existing plumbing fixtures with new, low water consumption fixtures
- reconfigure existing parking areas in order to provide structured parking spaces, secure bus drop off and pick up areas and convenient parent drop off area complete with energy efficient exterior lighting for enhanced exterior security
- coniferous tree landscaping and opaque fencing along the southern property boundary to hide/camouflage the adjacent storage yard

The Sudbury Catholic District School board recognizes the importance of investing in our existing facilities and remains committed to the enhancement and revitalization of St. Francis Catholic Elementary School. Keeping in mind the best interests of our St. Francis community, we continue to move forward with our capital projects and look forward to the continued community and school partnerships for many years to come.



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