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WCDSB Announces Major Expansion of Popular “Extended Day” Programs

Programs offer an extension of the daily Catholic curriculum

Waterloo Region, ON – The *Waterloo Catholic District School Board* today announced 23 elementary schools will be providing extended day programs during the 2014-15 school year.

Twenty schools will offer both before AND after school programs while three schools will provide after school programs only.

The *Parent Policy Handbook* for 2014-15 will be available on line at www.wcdsb.ca in July, 2014.

Below is a list of all the schools offering both the before and after school program.

- Blessed Mother Teresa - Cambridge
- Canadian Martyrs - Kitchener
- Holy Family - New Hamburg
- Holy Spirit - Cambridge
- Our Lady of Grace - Kitchener
- Sir Edgar Bauer - Waterloo
- St. Agnes - Waterloo
- St. Ambrose - Cambridge
- St. Anne - Kitchener
- St. Brigid - Ayr
- St. Daniel - Kitchener
- St. Dominic Savio - Kitchener
- St. Elizabeth - Cambridge
- St. Gabriel - Cambridge
- St. John – Kitchener
- St. John Paul II - Kitchener
- St. Mark - Kitchener
- St. Nicholas - Waterloo
- St. Teresa - Kitchener
- St. Timothy - Kitchener

Below is a list of schools that will be just offering the after school program.

- Our Lady of Lourdes - Waterloo
- St. Paul - Kitchener
- St. Teresa of Avila - Elmira

QuickFacts

- ✓ The 2014-15 school year marks the final year of the five-year rollout of the **Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program**.
- ✓ WCDSB's **Early Learning Kindergarten Teams** made up of a certified teacher and a registered early childhood educator provide WCDSB's youngest learners with opportunities to learn in faith-based classrooms through instruction, play, inquiry and discovery via the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program.
- ✓ The Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program is designed to enhance children's cognitive, physical, social, spiritual and emotional development. Children will develop their capacity in language, mathematics, science and technology, physical activity, and the arts.
- ✓ **Extended Day Programs** enhance the impact of the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program and are taught from a faith-based perspective. The programs are delivered by teams of **Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE)** who are members of the **College of Early Childhood Educators**. They are dedicated to providing faith based, quality educational programming. Having an educator from the core day provides a seamless day allowing for consistency and security for both parents and children. The extended day program offers parents a convenient school location, equity of access and a safe and healthy environment for young children.

Quotes

"We're very proud of our extended day programs. When parents choose one they know their child will continue receiving the same quality, inclusive, faith-based education they receive during the regular school day. It's just another example of the tremendous added value our Catholic schools bring to Waterloo Region and a great example of why Catholic education has always been and remains a jewel within our society."

~~ Larry Clifford, Director of Education

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[WCDSB Extended Day Programs](#)

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